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Business Notices.

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INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, at 11.45 a.m., on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY the 15th, 16th and 17th Instant respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.;
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
N. J. EDE,
Secretary,
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd.
J. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager,
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong February 9, 1898. 295

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be Held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 28th day of February, 1898, at 12.30 of the Clock in the AFTERNOON, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1897, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co., LTD.

Hongkong, January 31, 1898. 226

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WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—

FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	DATE
LONDON, &c.	*Ganges* *	T. F. CHERRY	Noon, 19th February.
LONDON.	*Shanghai*	E. P. BISHOP	About 19th February.
N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	*Rohilla*	S. DE B. LOCKYER, R.N.R	Daylight, 20th February.
SHANGHAI	*Bengal*	L. M. WIBMER, R.N.R.	About 21st February.
N'SAKI, KOBE, & YOKOHAMA	*Socotra* †	J. PAINE, R.N.R.	About 23rd February.
LONDON	*Borneo*	F. C. A. LYON, R.N.R.	About 5th March.
N'SAKI, KOBE, & YOKOHAMA	*Sinda*	S. G. D. ANDREWS, R.N.R.	About 5th March.

* See Special Advertisement. † For Freight (only).

For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 8, 1898. 285

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1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

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A Covered Way has been constructed from the Station to the Hotel.

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We have been appointed Sole Agents and can now supply

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Casks $3.00 Extra, to be allowed for on return.

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NOTICE.

On and after the 1st February, the Price of BEEF, VEAL, and MUTTON will be as follows:—

BEEF.—SIRLOIN, STEAK AND RIBS...	13 Cents per lb.
Do. SOUP MEAT ...	10 "
MUTTON.—LEG AND CHOPS ...	20 "
Do. SHOULDER ...	18 "
VEAL.—LEG, CUTLETS AND CHOPS...	13 "

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY Co.,
Central Market.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1898. 298

COTTAM & Co.

FOR THE RACES.

NEW FELT HATS.

COLLARS. TIES. DENT'S GLOVES.

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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN Extraordinary General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be Held in the CLUB HOUSE on MONDAY, the 14th February, 1898, at 3.30 P.M., for the purpose set forth in the Notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 8, 1898. 301

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	1 doz quarts	2 doz pints
CHAMPAGNE— G. H. Mumm & Co.	$35.50	$37.50
		1 doz bottle
WHISKY— Dewar's "Imperial Institute"		$10.50
McCreadie's "Specially Selected"		10.50
PORT WINE— Gaudes "3 Grape" Brand		$24.00

AGENTS:
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Praya Central.

Hongkong, December 14, 1897. 2583

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BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, Ltd.,

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24 W. JACKSON, *Manager.*

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Hongkong, January 29, 1898 212

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For COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, INFLUENZA, ASTHMA, CONSUMPTION, HOOPING COUGH, BRONCHITIS, and all Diseases of the Chest and Lungs.
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Business Notices.

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throws the human machinery out of gear. It relaxes the system and renders it more susceptible to attacks of Diphtheria, Influenza, Colds, and other prevalent ailments.

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For Prices and further particulars, apply to

2292 SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., *General Managers.*

DIOCESAN SCHOOL & ORPHANAGE

SCHOOL DUTIES will be resumed on MONDAY, 14th February.

For Terms for Boarders or Day Scholars Apply to THE HEAD MASTER.

Hongkong, February 9, 1898. 297

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Twenty Ninth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, No. 3 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at Twelve o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 28th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5, 1898. 266

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at 12.15 o'clock p.m., when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed.

RESOLUTIONS.

That Articles Nos. 53 and 122 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by eliminating therefrom the word 'February' and substituting therefor the word 'March.'

That Article No. 7 be altered by inserting the words 'or Extra Reserve Fund' immediately after the word 'Fund' in the sixth line of the said Article, and the words 'and Extra Reserve Fund' immediately after the word 'Fund' in the seventh line of the said Article.

That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting the words 'and subject to the provisions of Articles 121A and 121B' immediately after the word 'sum' and before the word 'be' in the fourth line of such Article.

That the following Articles be inserted immediately after Article No. 121 and be numbered Articles 121A and 121B.

121A.—'Although the Reserve Fund may amount to the sum of One Million Dollars the Directors may nevertheless at their discretion from time to time appropriate a portion, and exceeding ten per cent. of the net income and profits earned by the Company in any one year, to the formation of an additional Reserve Fund, to be called "Extra Reserve Fund."'

121B.—'The monies standing at the credit of the Extra Reserve Fund may be applicable for the equalisation of dividends, and such monies, or some portion thereof, may, whenever the Directors shall think fit, be appropriated towards the equalisation of dividends.'

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5, 1898. 268

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held in the OFFICE of the Company No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 21st February, 1898, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 21st February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. L. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 317

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 12th day of February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1897.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 11, 1898. 191

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 29th January, to the 12th day of February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 11, 1898. 192

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a SPOON COMPETITION on SATURDAY, the 12th Instant, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

RANGES 700 and 800 Yards.
Entrance, 30 Cents.
Subscriptions are now Due and should be paid to the Undersigned.

A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 303

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RACE BOOKS,

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Can be had from
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PRICES:
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Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 299

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 a.m., on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 15th, 16th & 17th Instant respectively.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For 'The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de L'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'
F. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.

For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,' Hongkong,
E. L. HUNTER,
Manager.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,'
S. OHOH,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 9, 1898. 304

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,

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THE HONGKONG

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WILL GIVE TWO PERFORMANCES OF

'THE DUCHESS OF BAYSWATER & Co.'

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and

MONDAY, 21st February, 1898.

Performance each Night at 9 P.M. precisely.

PRICES ... ... $3, $2 and $1.

Half Price to the Pit for Soldiers, Sailors, and Police in Uniform.

SEATS can be Booked at the THEATRE on and after MONDAY, the 14th February.

Booking Office open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. (On Race Days) the Office will Close at 2 P.M.

Late Trams quarter of an hour after fall of curtain.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5, 1898. 268

Intimations.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

FROM THIS DATE the Business of the SOCIETY will be conducted at the BRANCH OFFICE, No. 9, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, with entrance in ICE HOUSE STREET.

W. H. TALBOT,
Sub-Manager for the East.

Hongkong, February 7, 1898. 273

THE

EQUITABLE

LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE Results of the SOCIETY'S BUSINESS for 1897 have been received by Telegraph. These returns, in comparison with those for 1896, show as follows:—

	1897	1896
ASSETS	£19,349,231	£15,161,239
SURPLUS ...	10,52[illegible],828	9,016,078

IMPROVEMENT DURING 1897.

INCREASE IN ASSETS, £4,187,992 or 9.3 %
INCREASE IN SURPLUS, £1,513,750 or 16.8 %
NEW BUSINESS IN 1897, ... £32,699,103
POLICIES IN FORCE, 31ST DEC., 1897, ... £198,159,549

The Society now offers to assurants annually increasing guaranteed values of every policy; these guarantees are embodied in and form part of the Contract of Assurance. The financial position of the Society, and the value of the guarantees it offers, must be estimated by the amount of its Surplus Funds over and above all Liabilities of every kind, amounting to the unprecedented sum of

TEN AND ONE-HALF MILLIONS STERLING

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W. H. TALBOT,
Sub-Manager for the East.

Hongkong, February 7, 1898. 274

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong & China.

Hongkong, January 28, 1898. 209

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Hongkong, November 5, 1896. 2233

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CRICKETING GEAR,

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BICYCLES, BICYCLES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 31, 1898. 221

Intimations.

THE

MICASTOS FACTORY.

Mr. C. HOLDSWORTH,
Superintendent at Works, Saukiwan Road, Hongkong.

THE GENERAL MANAGERS are prepared to enter into Contracts for COVERING BOILERS and STEAM PIPES with either MICA or ASBESTOS COMPOSITIONS at the following Quotations:—

55 Cents per superficial square foot for BOILERS.

65 Cents per superficial square foot for STEAM PIPES.

Exposed STEAM PIPES needing extra Wrapping and Canvas and Tar Dressing will be treated with the above Compositions at $1.05 per superficial square foot.

A Stock of the Compositions is kept ready for Sale packed in 5 cwt. casks. Price for ton-lots $100 per ton F.O.B., or in smaller quantities at $6 per cwt. F.O.B.

All works will be under the personal supervision of Mr. HOLDSWORTH, and all Orders must be sent through the undersigned.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 302

To-day's Advertisements

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1898.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY,

the 15th, 16th, and 17th February.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH LIMITED. Price $5 for the Meeting.

Tickets for the Day may be purchased at the Gate; Price $2 each.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 11, 1898. 309

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 15th, 16th, and 17th Inst.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 11, 1898 310

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE during the Race Days *without Tickets*, which can be had on application to the Undersigned.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 11, 1898. 311

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 for 9.00 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED to attend.

Hongkong, February 11, 1898. 308

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Hongkong, February 11, 1898. 306

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Zafiro,
Captain COBBAN, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 12th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 11, 1898. 289

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Calling at NAPLES for landing Passengers if sufficient inducement offers).

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship
Irene,
Capt. R. SCHLIDER, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, Feb. 11, 1898. 288

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Langbank*, Captain ROUX, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th Inst., will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and damaged Goods, are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th Instant, at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1898. 312

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 15, at 3 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Mar. 1, at 9 a.m.
Kobe and Yokohama	Idzumi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 17, at 4 p.m.
London, v. Ports of Call	Pingsuey (s)	Holliday, Wise & Co.	Feb. 15, daylight.
London & Ports of Call	Ganges (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 19, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal	Diomed (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 19.
London	Shanghai (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 19.
London	Borneo (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 5.
Manila	Zafiro (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Feb. 12, at noon.
Manila, via Amoy	Sungkiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 12, at 5 p.m.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Yarra (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Feb. 12, at noon.
M'seilles, London, &c.	Kamakura Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 17, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma	Tokio Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 21, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma	Rohilla (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 20, at daylight.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma	Socotra (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 25.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma	Sunda (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 5.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Lyderhorn (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Feb. 15.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Ghazee (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About Feb. 28.
Portland, Oregon, &c.	Braemar (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Mar. 15, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Belgic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Feb. 22, a noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	China (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Feb. 12, at noon.
Seattle, Washington	Kagoshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 14, daylight.
Shanghai	Bengal (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 20.
Shanghai and C'kiang	Peiyang (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Feb 12, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai and Kobe	Maria Valerie (s)	Sandve & Co.	Feb. 12, afternoon.
S'hai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma	Oceanien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	About February 15.
S'hai, Jensen & Kobe	Sagami Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 18, at 4 p.m.
S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay	Matsuyama Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 22, at noon.
S'pore, Havre & H'burg	Irene (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Feb. 17, at 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, &c.	Darmstadt (s)	Melchers & Co.	About Feb. 15.
Sydney & Melbourne	Omi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 25, at 4 p.m.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Victoria (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Feb 22, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of India (s)	Canadian Pac. R. Co.	Feb. 16, at noon.

To-day's Advertisements.

'RICKMERS' REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship *Obi* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before Noon, on the 25th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th February, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 10.

Yarra, French steamer, 2,084, N. Le Coispellier, Shanghai Feb. 8, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Oopack, British steamer, 2,517, Barker, Liverpool and Singapore Feb. 4, General.—HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Obi, British steamer, 1,954, Richard Pinkham, Hamburg and Singapore Feb. 3, General.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

February 11.

Hangchow, British str., from Canton.

Whampoa, British steamer, 1,109, Sales, Saigon Feb. 6, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Jacob Christensen, Norwegian steamer, 1,088, Hansen, Saigon Feb. 5, Rice.—WIELER & Co.

Langbank, British str., 2,965, Rout, London and Singapore Feb. 4, General.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hsin Chi, Chinese str., 1,066, Lowe, Shanghai Feb. 8, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

February 11.

Hohenzollern, for Yokohama.
Sachsen, for Shanghai.
Cheung Hock Kiau, for Amoy.
Machew, for Swatow.
Hiusing, for Saigon.
Formosa, for Swatow.
Whampoa, for Kobe.
Lycemoon, for Shanghai.
Germania, for Kobao.
Sishan, for Swatow.

CLEARED.

Zafiro, for Manila.
Kong Beng, for Saigon.
Oopack, for Shanghai.
Keong-wai, for Hoihow.
Obi for Yokohama.
Kweiyang, for Hongay.
Peiyang, for Shanghai.
Hangchow, for Hongay.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Yarra*, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Mr and Mrs Havers, Mr and Mrs Gavers, Messrs. Murray, G. Davier, N. Laptow, Baron de Gunzburg, Mr M. Tackey, Mr and Mrs Probst, Lord Henry Thynne and servant, Mr, Mrs and Miss Gaidley, Mr and Mrs Schomburg and child, Messrs Campbell, Thomas Weir, D. Benjamin, Jésus de Aguiategue, Zerephia de Arana, Mrs M. E. Remedios, Messrs Marsan, G. W. Grimble, and H. Grimble; for Saigon, Mr Foulon, and Miss Yrs. Robert; for Port Said, Mr Sergeff; for Marseilles, Mr Thomas Sang Sugud.

Per *Oopack*, from Singapore, Mr H. Pratt, and 200 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Hohenzollern*, from Hongkong: for Hiogo, Mr H. Botel, and 1 Chinese; for Yokohama, Messrs Daugamull, Thawmull, Mohawdar, and 4 Chinese. For Yokohama: from Bremen, Messrs Krauss and Lehmann; from Southampton, Mr Charles Lund; from Genoa, Messrs Einsigl, M. Muller, H. Geslion, and T. Voges; from Naples, Messrs R. Fukava, A. Fischer, and M. A. Junker; from Colombo, Mr F. Jacob.

Per *Sachsen*, for Shanghai: from Bremen, Miss A. Ebell, and Mr Thorsoe; from Southampton, Messrs P. London, Long Y. You, Bowmann, R. Sanderson, and Hunner, Mrs Wen Tayler, Misses Williamson, Hurn, Bradfield, and Culvernwell; from Genoa, Messrs Rohde, Ch. Wedemeyer, Scheideler, G. A. Kunkel, W. Lamond, Buchheister, E. H. Kragh, M. Steger, C. Nicolaisen, H. Biehl, Faust, Plambeck, Miss Lloyd, Mr and Mrs Adler, Mr and Mrs Richter, Miss Bergmann, Mr Schultani, Consul M. Beck, and Mrs Beck; from Naples, Rev. G. A. Moffat, and Mr Livingston; from Hongkong, Mrs Gantus, Miss F. M. da Silva and 19 Chinese.

Per *Formosa*, for Amoy, Mr N. Takenouchi, Mr and Mrs Maughowan and family.

Per *Lycemoon*, for Shanghai, 53 Chinese.
Per *Germania*, for Kobao, 400 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Oopack* reports: Moderate monsoon and rough sea.

The Chinese steamer *Hsin Chi* reports: Light to moderate winds and fine clear weather throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For HOIHOW & BANGKOK.—
Per *Keong-wai*, at 8.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 12th February.

For HONGAY.—
Per *Kweiyang*, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 12th February.
Per *Hangchow*, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 12th February.

For MANILA.—
Per *Zafiro*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 12th February.

For SAIGON.—
Per *China*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 12th February.

For AMOY & MANILA.—
Per *Sungkiang*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 12th February.

For YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Obi* at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 12th February.
Per *Kodowa Maru* at 8.30 a.m., on Sunday, the 13th February.

For SHANGHAI & CHINKIANG.—
Per *Peiyang*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 12th February.

For WUCHOW.—
Per *Lee On*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 12th February.

For KOBE, YOKOHAMA & SEATTLE.
Per *Kagoshima Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 13th February.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—
Per *Chingtu*, Registration at 1.30 p.m., Letters at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, the 15th February.

For STRAITS & COLOMBO.—
Per *Pingsuey* at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 15th February.

For SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.—
Per *Irene*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 17th February.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Rohilla*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 19th February.

For SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & TACOMA.—
Per *Victoria*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 22nd February.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—The United States Mail Packet *China* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 12th February, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

10.00 A.M. Registry ceases.
11.00 A.M. Post Office closes.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—The French Contract Packet *Yarra* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 12th February, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *viâ Marseilles*; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The hours mentioned below will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

Circulars at 8 a.m.
Registration at 10 a.m.
Papers at 10.15 a.m.
Letters at 10.45 a.m.
Late Letters 1 to 11.15 a.m.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S PACKET.—The Canadian Pacific Mail Packet *Empress of India* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Feb., with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, United States, Canada, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

10.00 A.M. Registry ceases.
10.45 A.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, *with the Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage*, until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—The British Contract Packet *Ganges* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 19th February, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, *viâ Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails &c.

MONEY LETTERS.—The Post Office decline all responsibility for unregistered Letters containing bank notes, coin, or jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters (Post Guide, Par 80)

REGISTRATION.—Correspondence can be registered for all Private Ship mails up to five minutes before the time for closing; for the Shanghai or Japan contract mails up to a quarter of an hour before; for mails for Europe, America, and Canada, &c., up to an hour before; for Indian, Northern Pacific, and Torres Straits mails, up to half an hour before.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Noon.—P. M. S. S. Co.'s Str. *China* leaves for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco.

Noon.—French Mail Steamer leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—*Zafiro* leaves for Manila.

4 p.m.—*Peiyang* leaves for Shanghai.

5 p.m.—*Sunghiang* leaves for Manila.

Afternoon.—*Maria Valerie* leaves for S'hai.

Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

9 a.m.—Queen's College re-opens.

2.30 p.m.—Spoon Competition Practice of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, February 13:—

Transfer Books of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 28th inst., both days inclusive.

MONDAY, February 14:—

3.30 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club, in the Club House.

Transfer Books of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 28th February, both days inclusive.

Goods per *Natal* unclaimed after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Hertha* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, February 15:—

12.45 a.m.—Insurance Offices close.
11.45 a.m.—Local Banks close.

WEDNESDAY, February 16:—

11.45 a.m.—Insurance Offices close.
11.45 a.m.—Local Banks close.

Goods per *Bingo Maru* unclaimed after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, February 17:—

11.45 a.m.—Insurance Offices close.
11.45 a.m.—Local Banks close.

Goods per *Langbank* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Sachsen* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Maria Valerie* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, February 11, 1898.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	1 10⅝
,, On demand, ...	1/10 1/16
,, 30 days' sight, ...	1/10 1/16
,, 4 months' sight, ...	1/10 3/16
Credits, 4 ,, ,, ...	1 10⅞
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	1 10⅞
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	2 36
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	2 39½
On Berlin—Demand, ...	1.90½
On New York—	
On demand, ...	45½
Credits, 60 days' sight, ...	46½
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	140½
On demand, ...	141
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	140½
On demand, ...	141
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	1⅛ pm.
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	11⅞
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	73⅝
30 days' sight, (private paper)	74½
On Yokohama—	
On demand, ...	73⅞
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael) ...	$55.00
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$10.55
Silver (per oz.)	26d.

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BIRTH.

At 27, North Szechuen Road, Shanghai, on the 3rd February, the Wife of F. LARKINS, of a Son.

MARRIAGE.

On the 7th February, first at H.B.M.'s Consulate-General, Shanghai, by George Jamieson, Esq., C.M.G., and afterwards at St. Joseph's Church, by the Rev. Père Frin, GLADYS MARY BEATRICE, eldest daughter of John Smedley, Esq., Architect and Civil Engineer, Shanghai, to ARTHUR VERE HAVERS, youngest son of the late Thomas Havers, Esq., of Thelton Hall, Norfolk, England.

DEATHS.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 7th Feb., F. C. GOODALL, aged 23 years.

On the 27th January, at Yokohama, WILLIAM HENRY WALKER, aged 18 years and 10 months.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Amana*, Dec. 31; *Gladestry*, Jan. 7; *Min* 11; *Benalder*, *Benlomond*, *Devonshire*, *Lennox*, *Socotra*, 18; *Glenshiel*, *Pathan*, *Ceres*, 21; *Venus*, 25; *Gisela*, *Ixion*, *Dardanus*, *Melbourne*, *Anapa*, *Trieste*, 28; *Oanfa*, *Oceana*, *Energia*, *Fernfield*, 31; *Ailsa Craig*, Feb. 1; *Oopack*, 2; *Gerda*, *Benwirlich*, *Sunda*, 4; *Malacca*, *Hounslow*, 8.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Prinz Heinrich*, *Merionethshire*, *Pyrrhus*, *Bellona*, Jan. 25; *Sikh*, 28; *Salazie*, 31.

Mails.

The M. M. Co.'s str. *Oceanien*, with the FRENCH MAIL of Jan. 14th, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 9th Feb., at 2 p.m., and may be expected on or about Tuesday, the 15th Feb. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Dec. 8.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on Monday afternoon, 31st January last, for Hongkong and usual ports of call.

The P. M. s. s. *Peru*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 25th Jan.

Steamers Expected.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Braemar* sailed from Tacoma, for Hongkong and Japan, on the 3rd Feb.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Oanfa*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 31st Jan, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 18th Feb.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Olympia* sailed from Portland, for Japan and Hongkong, on the 25th Jan.

The N. G. L.'s s. s. *Letimbro* left Bombay for this port on the 30th Jan., and is due here on or about the 19th Feb.

The s. s. *Arratoon Apcar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of 7th Feb.

The C. N. Co.'s str. *Tsinan*, from Australian Ports, left Port Darwin on the afternoon of 7th Feb., and may be expected here on or about the 17th Feb.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of China* arrived at Vancouver at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, the 9th Feb.

The O. & O. s. s. *Belgic*, with mails, &c., left Shanghai for this port on Thursday, the 10th Feb., at 1 o'clock.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Idzumi Maru* left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of 9th Feb., and is expected to arrive here on the 15th Feb.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Tokio Maru* left Thursday Island for this port on the 8th Feb., and is expected to arrive here on the 18th Feb.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Kamakura Maru* left Kobe, via Moji, for this port on the 9th Feb., and is expected to arrive here on the 16th Feb.

Latest Advices.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Mogul* arrived at Portland Or., from Japan and Hongkong on the 8th Feb.

THE Police Force is shortly to be deprived of the services of four of its oldest members, Inspectors Hennessy, Mann, Hall and Sergeant Foord, who all retire on pension.

THE Band of The 'King's Own' Regt. will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-night at 8 p.m.:—

1.—Overture...	'Crown Diamonds'	*Auber.*
2.—Selection...	'The Mikado'	*A. Sullivan.*
3.—Valse	'Happy Thoughts'	*E. H. Front.*
4.—Song	'The Pilgrim's song of Hope'	*F. Batiste.*
5.—Selection...	'Cavalleria Rusticana'	*Mascagni.*
6.—Valse	'Amoretten Tänze'	*Gung'l.*
	God save the Queen.	

THE scorching cyclist has at last been brought to book, in consequence of an accident which happened to a chair coolie near the New Victoria Hotel, on the evening of 9th February. Lok Ting, a clerk, was riding down Ice House Lane, with his feet off the pedals, when he lost control of the machine, and crashed down upon a chair coolie, inflicting injuries in consequence of which the coolie is still confined to hospital. There was no brake on the machine. Detective-Inspector Moffat summoned the cyclist for furious driving, and at the Magistracy to-day, in explanation of the accident, Lok Ting said he had taken the brake off the machine. He gave the coolies two or three signals, but they apparently did not see him. He offered to compensate the coolie at the time, but he would not take any money. The Magistrate said it was fortunate the accident was not more serious. He imposed a fine of $5, and ordered him to pay $2 compensation to the coolie. It would be well if the Police would summon a few of the cyclists who scorch through the streets after dark.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*—Tordenskjold, Kwangtse, Hainan, Triumph, Martha, Cosmopolit, Bengo, H.M.S. Tamar.

Aberdeen.—(None).

Quarantine.—West York, H.M.S. Archimedes, Piang Kiangsu.

INSPECTOR Moffat and P. C. Faherty have now joined the ranks of the detective staff.

A VOLUNTEER Church Parade Service will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, 27th inst.

A MARINE from the *Edgar* died from smallpox, to-day, on board the *Hygeia*. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

THE *Hygeia* hulk has been moved over from its usual place behind Stonecutters' Island and moored off Kennedy Town for the accommodation of smallpox patients.

Two officers and 41 men belonging to H.M.S. *Esk* arrived at Shanghai on the 7th inst. The new crew is now in charge of the little gunboat, which is patrolling the Yangtse.

ADMIRAL Buller arrived at Shanghai, on board the *Pique*, on the 6th inst. Eight naval officers arrived at Shanghai on the same day, having travelled from Chusan by way of Ningpo.

THE Nanyang Army Administration has issued a very stringent notice with regard to foreigners visiting the Woosung Forts, and due notification has been published in the Shanghai journals.

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club, C. Company, K.O.R., will play H.M.S. *Powerful* in the Challenge Shield. Kick-off at four o'clock. Referee:—Mr H. W. Looker.

THE cargo on the N.Y.K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* caught fire on the 31st Jan., and had she not been alongside the pier at Kobe, she would probably have sunk. A great deal of damage was done to the cargo before the fire was extinguished.

THE following gentlemen have been elected officials for the Yokohama Rowing Club:—President—Mr H. C. Litchfield; Captain—Mr F. J. Hall; Secretary—Mr M. Schollenberg; Treasurer—Mr G. C. Allcock. Committee—Mr W. Goddard, Mr H. E. Hayward, Mr H. Rose, and Mr J. Macarthur.

A COOLIE who was perambulating the streets of Yaumati yesterday, attired in a West Yorkshire Regimental tunic, was charged at the Magistracy to-day, with unlawfully wearing the uniform of Her Majesty's Military forces, and fined $2, with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment.

A CHINAMAN was arrested yesterday by a Chinese constable, on the ground floor of No. 3 Yee On Lane, in connection with the larceny, on 10th January, from the house of Mr E. Bernhein, watchmaker, of a silver watch, 2 metal clocks, a razor and 2 razor blades. The value of the articles was $26. At the Magistracy to-day, the prisoner was charged with the larceny, and also with being in possession of a revolver, without having a licence. The case was remanded.

WE stated on the 9th inst., that the British Government had been purchasing all the available Cardiff coal east of Suez. The *N.-C. Daily News* on the 7th inst. published the following paragraph:—'It is reported that the British Government is buying or has bought up all the available steam coal at the ports from Colombo eastward.' We hear that the Russian ship *Rossia* could get no Welsh coal on her outward passage to the Far East. She should have left Colombo about a week ago.

A RATHER peculiar case was decided by Mr Wodehouse, at the Magistracy, to-day. This is the Magistrate's second decision in the case, which was re-opened at the request of the defendants. On 9th February, Sanitary Inspector Fisher summoned Messrs Linstead and Davis, for neglecting to clean and lime-wash premises Nos. 7, 15, 17 and 21 Western Street. The Inspector said he had sent round notices on 5th Oct., 1897, regarding the lime-washing of these houses. The law required that they should have been lime-washed during November. Mr Maitland, who appeared for the defendant firm, said the houses were lime-washed in August, 1897, and they therefore did not require to do it in November. He obtained permission to put off the lime-washing until the beginning of January. He might have had the lime-washing done in the early part of January, but New Year's affairs intervened. When he received the summons he had got tenders for doing the work. Inspector Fisher said the work that was done in August last year ought properly to have been done in May or June. The cost of the work would be $130. The Magistrate inflicted a fine of $10 for each of the four houses. When the case was re-opened to-day, Mr H. McCallum, Secretary of the Sanitary Board, said he was willing to withdraw the summons on the ground that arrangements had been made for doing the work some four days before the summons was issued. Dr Clark, Medical Officer of Health, was willing to have it withdrawn on condition that the work was done at once. It was important that the law should be strictly carried out with regard to lime-washing. Some landlords showed a disposition to avoid their duties; he would not allow Messrs Linstead and Davis special class. The Magistrate refused to allow the summons to be withdrawn, and imposed a fine of $10.

LEGAL Compensation is Peace to Owners Ward, Co. Kang 1

A TOKIO *Punch*, to be published twice a month, has made its first appearance.

GREAT naval preparations are said to be going on in Japan.

H.M.S. *Algerine* having been ashore has gone into dock at Shanghai.

A RICH deposit of coal, equal to Cardiff, has been discovered in the island of Amakusa.

THE three-masted schooner *Crescent*, from Philadelphia with 80,000 cases of kerosene oil for Kobe, is posted as missing.

THE *Kanni* of Fusan reports that Russian naval officers have staked out a coaling station on Deer Island.

THE four-masted American ship *Honolulu* has arrived at Chemulpo, with 1,250,000 feet of lumber for the Seoul-Chemulpo railway.

P.C. ROBERT MACDONALD charged a Chinaman, at the Magistracy to-day, with unlawfully attempting to export from the Colony 700 rounds of revolver ammunition and thirty tins of percussion caps, without a permit. This morning, about ten o'clock, the constable stopped the prisoner in Queen's Road Central, and on examining the bag he was carrying, found the explosives. Mr Wodehouse convicted the prisoner of being in possession of the explosives, and imposed a fine of $10.

THE *N.-C. Daily News* learns that to facilitate communication with Chusan, it is in contemplation to lay a telegraphic cable from Chinhai, at the mouth of the Ningpo river, to Tinghai, the chief port in the Chusan Islands.

A NAVAL court-martial was held at Chusan, Captain Corrie, of the *Pique*, presiding, to enquire into the stranding of H.M.S.'s *Algerine* at the Seven Sisters. The Commander, Captain Domville, was severely reprimanded, while the navigating lieutenant was also reprimanded.—*China Gazette*.

THE mother is a good woman wrapped up in spiritual things, the father a worldling, but a very fine husband and father all the same. He was gardening the other day when his little boy, whose mind, in spite of his mother's teachings, was running much on Christmas attractions, came to him with a puzzled face. 'I say, father,' he broke in suddenly, 'would you rather see the Lord or the pantomime?'

I HEARD a new view of the new Eastern question while watching the cricket match on Tuesday, says a writer in a Melbourne journal. 'China in danger,' said a philosopher; 'not a bit of it. Why, for the next ten years China will be doing laundry work and growing lettuce for the united armies of Europe. Don't you worry. China's all right.'

CAPTAIN Mercer of H.B.M. cruiser *Narcissus*, now in Chemulpo, made a short visit to the British Legation at Seoul recently. He sent his satchels containing his clothes and a few other personal effects to Seoul by a Korean coolie just before he started from Chemulpo, and when the mail left Captain Mercer had been waiting in Seoul some days for the coolie. The *Independent* suggests that the coolie must be enjoying his holidays somewhere at the expense of the Captain.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

IT is said that surgeons accustomed to the use of the knife become somewhat callous as to the sufferings of the patient, and we fear that clergymen who make a business of burial services err much in the same way. One of them was reading the service lately, when he turned over a couple of leaves by accident and went on reading, until the sexton drew his attention to the lapse. He had been steadily ploughing his way through the service for the 'churching' of women.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the *N.-C. Daily News* from Nagasaki under date the 30th Jan., that the four Russian ships in harbour, the *Famiat Azova*, *Rurik*, *Kreiser*, and *Zabiaka*, were all coaled and ready for sea, and that Admiral Dubosshoff was likely to sail with them in a day or two, probably for either Port Arthur or Chemulpo. There were no other men-of-war in the harbour. It was reported from Corea that the Russians were not a social success at Seoul, and had formed a society of their own. Mr Garfield, Secretary to Mr Alexeieff, had arrived at Nagasaki, on his way to Shanghai.

THE Board of Works, according to a Peking dispatch, has lately been turning out hundreds of steel shields for the Peking Field force. These shields (according to the *N.-C. Daily News*) are about the ordinary size of the native war shield, and not much heavier. They are claimed to be bullet-proof and within each shield is concealed a sword-bayonet which can be made to protrude in front of the shield by simply touching a spring. Armed with these shields a body of soldiers, it is alleged, could 'charge with impunity an opposing enemy and put the latter to the sword without any harm to the former.' This shield is said to be the invention of an officer of the Imperial guards who has declared that 'the new weapon will be more efficacious in the field than the usual bayonet charge.'

LOCAL Composers, 6 Pieces, by Orange, Ward, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, $1.00.—Robinson Piano Company.

'MADAM,' said the court, 'do I understand that you have withdrawn your action against this man for stealing a kiss?' 'Yes, your Honour; he has returned it and agreed to pay the costs.'

FIRST Nurse—I'm afraid I can't come with you to-morrow. Second Nurse—Why not? 'Well, I don't like to leave the baby with its mother.'

THE Health and Vigour of an individual depend upon the quantity and quality of the Blood. When the tissues have been at work, there are thrown into the blood, waste products, and if these be not eliminated but (through any cause) retained in the blood they influence nutrition and function and finally produce organic disease.—The *Hygienician*. In cases of Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples and Sores of all kinds, the effects of Clarke's Blood Mixture are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold everywhere, at 9s. per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, February 9.

THE TRANSVAAL.

President Kruger has been re-elected.

RUSSIA AND CRETE.

It is officially announced in St. Petersburg that Russia withdraws her support from the candidacy of Prince George, and repudiates all further responsibility in the Cretan question, but states she will not permit an increase of Turkish troops, nor the coercion of the Cretans.

RUSSIA IN CHINA.

The Russian assurance that they would make any port which they might obtain from China a 'free port' was spontaneously written.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 11th at 11.30 a. The barometer has fallen generally, particularly in the North. Pressure is highest in S.W. China, lowest in a depression which appears to be lying in the Sea of Japan. Gradients moderate in the South, rather steep in the North. Forecast:—moderate of fresh N. winds; fine.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The following is the handicap for the race for the Royal Engineers' Cup to be sailed on Saturday, 12th inst.; starting gun at 2 p.m.:—

Course.—From Police Pier, Kowloon, round Meyer's east buoy (port), Kowloon Rock (starboard), Meyer's east buoy (port), Channel Rocks (port), and finish off the Police Pier; 8½ miles.

HANDICAP.

Erica	scratch, allows	
Maid Marian	1 minute	21 seconds
Phœbe	3 ,,	21 ,,
Chanticleer	3 ,,	41 ,,
Meteor	3 ,,	42 ,,
Active	4 ,,	52 ,,
Princess	6 ,,	12 ,,
Ladybird	8 ,,	0 ,,
Dart	8 ,,	7 ,,
Elfin	12 ,,	44 ,,
Seabreeze	14 ,,	27 ,,

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

The following is the directors' report for presentation at the yearly meeting on Monday, the 21st inst.:—

To the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited:

Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you their Report, with a Statement of Accounts for the half-year ended 31st December last. The total receipts for the six months are $1,190,673.69, and the net profit, after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to $268,435.48
to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last Account 95,790.92
$364,226.40
and from this have to be deducted—
Directors' Fees $7,000.00
Auditors' Fees 500.00
7,500.00
leaving available for appropriation $356,726.40

The Directors recommend that a dividend for the half year of 8% or $125,000 and a bonus of 4% or $62,500 aggregating $187,500 be paid to the Shareholders, a bonus of $20,000 to Contributing Shareholders, that $35,838.26 be written from the value of Kowloon Docks, $6,103.41 from Cosmopolitan Docks, and the balance $107,284.73 be carried to the new Account. The further extension of our property on the North-West boundary, Hung-Hom, referred to in the last report, has been granted by the Government, and good progress is being made with the filling in of the foreshore. The general business of the Company continues to expand, and to meet this development, considerable extensions to workshops and additions to machinery at the Kowloon and Cosmopolitan establishments have been found necessary; some of these improvements are now finished and preparations have been made for completing the remainder as quickly as practicable.

Directors.—In accordance with clause 60 of the Articles of Association, Mr J. H. Lewis, and the Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving retire by rotation, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election. Mr St. C. Michaelsen having resigned, Mr A Haupt has been invited to the vacant seat on the Board, this appointment requires to be confirmed at this meeting.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs Thos. Arnold and Fullarton Henderson, Mr S. G. Bird being absent on leave. The Directors recommend Messrs Thos. Arnold and S. G. Bird for re-election.

J. H. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

THE MURDER OF A SENTRY AT KIAOCHOU BAY.

Shanghai, Feb. 5.

The following account of the recent murder of a German sentry comes from Kiaochou Bay. Disquieting news having been received from Chimo, a detachment of German sailors who had been garrisoning Kiaochou city started thence for Chimo. When they got near to Chimo, in the evening, they missed their way, and knocked up a house in a village in the neighbourhood, and persuaded the master of the house, an old man, to guide them to their destination. The old man's son, who lived at Chimo, but, with his wife, had been spending the New Year with his father, and was very angry at his father being taken off, followed the detachment. When he got to Chimo, he found that his shop, an opium resort close to the city gate, had been robbed during his absence. This increased his rage, and seizing a big knife, like an executioner's sword, he rushed at the German sentry at the gate from behind, and with one blow nearly severed his head from his shoulders, cutting through the jugular vein. It is inexplicable how a small, feeble-looking man could have dealt such a blow. The sentry ran about ten paces, firing off his gun, and then fell down dead. The shot attracted some of his comrades, who came running up, only to find him dead, but who arrested the murderer, who was still a prisoner when the *Darmstadt* left Kiaochou Bay. Thus the murder was an act of private vengeance, and had no political significance.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

It is announced by an advertisement in the *Japan Mail* that on Sunday next 'the Right Rev. Bishop Awdry will preach [in Christ Church] on behalf of the S.P.G. Mission to the heathen in Yokohama.' We hope (says a Kobe contemporary) the Yokohama paper will publish the names of those who are present.

THE SODIUM FLAME.

AN INCIDENT ON A CHINESE RIVER.

Everybody has seen or heard of the peculiar effect produced when a little salt or soda is added to spirit of wine while burning. The blue flame is changed to yellow, and this yellow light will alter the ruddiest face to a wan image of its daylight self. This particular yellow colour imparted to flame by anything with sodium in its composition has caused it to be called 'The Sodium Flame,' and it was once my lot to see the wonderful changes of colour produced by it on a grand scale and under most disagreeable circumstances.

While travelling on a Chinese river I was brought up at a large city by the absolute refusal of the boatmen to go on. It wanted but a few days to the great Carnival of the New Year, when all China stops work, like a run-down clock, and everybody, coolie, merchant, or Mandarin, devotes a day or two to rites and ceremonies and many days to idleness, feasting and gambling.

The City lay at the junction of two rivers. It evidently had a large population, while both the main river and its affluent were crowded with boats. Knowing this would mean a tremendous amount of cracker-firing and din of all sorts, I determined to get out of reach as much as possible, so selected a spot on the tributary river on the opposite bank to the city. The crew were disgusted at this, as their aim was to get into the thickest crowd of boats possible, where there is plenty of company and gossip. We compromised matters by tying up to a large timber raft which had a number of small boats attached. One of these boats was borrowed by my crew, whenever they thought fit, without as much as 'by your leave!' Truly there is a lot of 'give and take' amongst the Chinese—especially with other people's property. As the crew could now get ashore or to other boats without the expense of hiring, and I had secured the quietest spot possible, a treaty of peace was ratified, one of the parties providing an indemnity and token of goodwill two catties of the fattest pork procurable.

The establishment consisted of the traveller, a cook, a 'boy,' the captain, crew of five and an old woman, whose face had been stamped out of half-tanned leather, and whose laugh was like the sharpening of a saw, but who was very useful as she cooked the rice for the crew and kept down the growth of conceit by reminding them severally and collectively of their many failings, also of some alleged ditto on the part of their mothers.

The Sin Shuen or master kept his crowd fairly well together until the eve of the New Year, when he slipped off with the whole lot on a spree; my own servants, under pretence of visiting the men in charge of the raft, also got away, one of them—the 'boy'—returning after dark in the stage of illness called by Caledonians as 'greetin' drunk.'

There was nothing to do but make a dinner from tinned meat, which seemed more than usually tiony, stuff up a few more cracks to keep out the biting wind, and roll up in the blankets.

The din of the crackers, bombs, gongs and other inventions of the Evil One gradually blended into a dull roar, and I slept. Suddenly I found myself wide-awake, and sitting up; one of the windows in my part of the boat had four whole panes of glass, and therefore had been left without its outside shutter, and through this window a bright light streamed, while above the row of the festival there rose a roar of many voices. The usual big New Year fire was the first conclusion, and it was very cold outside of the blankets, and so easy to go to sleep again, but the light was exceedingly bright and the yelling persistent. 'Better see what is the trouble before settling down again,' I thought; so to get up put, on an over-coat, go through the men's quarters and open the door at the front of the boat, took about half a shivering minute; but as soon as I got outside and looked up the river, sleepiness and shivers vanished, and I understood the expression to be lost in amazement.

About half a mile from where my boat lay, the river took a bend to the westward, and on the city side a rocky prominence ran out. Almost in line with this, on the day previous, a big cluster of salt boats and others laden with cargo were anchored. Now a huge transformation scene was in full progress, with very realistic accompaniments. The river, across its whole width from the rocky spur to the opposite bank, appeared to be spouting flames, and to have began the New Year as an active volcano, doing a good business. That something on the river was burning was plain, but the cause of the great height of the flame and the intense brilliant yellow light I could not then conjecture. On looking round, everything seemed to be strange and unfamiliar; the grass and bush on the steep hillsides to the left appeared to have died, retaining all their living forms, but the varied greens and browns had given place to the dull tinge of a dead cabbage leaf. It might well have been the vegetation on the banks of the Styx, and my old overcoat, aforetime a generous brown, might now have served as a wrapper for a passenger by old Charon's chill ferry. Turning to look at the boat, that, too, was changed. The shutters and windows, last night were daubed with vivid red and green, now all was clay-coloured. The master, old woman and boy, now roused up, looked like a trio of quaking corpses. Looking to the fire again it had plainly increased in volume and fierceness. The line of flame seemed solid for the width of the river, and rose without a flicker to perhaps 15 to 20 feet, while still higher shot forked tongues into a cloud of luminous smoke which rolled down river and seemed to carry light with it. This was again reflected from the water, but it was not the volume of flame or smoke that looked so unreal, but the wonderful effulgency of both. The flood of brilliant light, with its transforming power on colours, so upset the mundane aspect of all things visible, that the impression grew that the whole scene was a delusion, or I was beholding a spectacle not seen by mortal eyes, and had been transplanted to some unfamiliar sphere.

The excitement amongst the boat people was increasing. So was the din. Wild yells for A Sin, A Kun, A Tack and a hundred others pierced the babel. Our own old woman now got into action, screeching with the best. Small craft from the large cargo boats were being frantically paddled about in search of the missing members of the crews, and as they crossed and recrossed the front of the blaze and through its glittering reflection in the water, they appeared to be surrounded by fire, and their frenzied movements gave the effect of some infernal dance of imps.

Hitherto the fire had remained stationary, but a quick change took place, as first on the City side it swung clear of the bank, and then the movement spread to the other end, and the glowing mass began to move down stream.

A conviction struck me with most unpleasant force that we were no longer spectators in a front seat, but actors with anything but light comedy parts to play.

To stay where we were was certain destruction; to get away no easy matter. Above and below us boats of every description cast loose and became mixed in a bewildered mass. Less than half-a-mile away and moving steadily down on a two-knot current and favorable wind was this infernal blaze. Beside the master, only two of the crew were on board, and in shoving off from the raft one of these must needs fall into the water, causing the loss of a precious minute or two in fishing him up. The master seemed inclined to hang on by the raft to see what would happen, but after some exhortation from me we got clear and took our part in the melée, fending off, pushing and pulling with the boat-hooks as chance offered. A big brute of a boat, built somewhat on the lines of a Viking ship, stoutly timbered, and with a high prow, thought to take advantage of the wind, and hoisted her big mat-sail. For a few brief moments she came along gallantly, pushing aside the small fry and making good way; but the sparks flew thick, her sail caught fire, and in less than two minutes she was as helpless as the rest. We worked as well as we could towards the edge of the crowd to get space to use our side oars, but just as it seemed we had got a chance, a floating shop which had been cut adrift, got right in our way. This was a two-storied structure of wood, built on a platform and floating on three scows; its crew of a dozen or so were quite unable to manage it. Instead of going sidelily down stream, it appeared to be slowly gyrating, until the thing gave us another chance. Further exertion was useless. While waiting for this, one or two realities caught my attention. The fire was much nearer. Not more than two hundred yards off, more irregular in line, and more astant the river, an assemblage of craft were hopelessly penned in by the big raft; the occupants distractedly jumping and crawling from boat to boat, some had reached the raft and were running about on its shore side searching for the most likely spot to scale the rocks. Should they not succeed their fate was not one to watch. The fire itself was less horrible to look at—but what was this? The water itself must be alight. The boats began to flare up before the great blaze had got to them, caught by a low creeping sort of flame well in advance. It could only be kerosine. Though hot with exertion, a very chilly sensation went down the spine, and my skin rose like 'goose flesh.' If this kerosine that was burning on the surface of the water moved faster than the current, the chances of escape for the block of boats and their crews, including ourselves, looked very doubtful. Would it be 'hang or sair,' as the little lassie says in the 'Men of the Moss Hags?' Would kith and kin ever know how it happened? A vision rose in my memory of a plain little monument in a cemetery in the old country that I had once seen, with the inscription 'Probably drowned in China.' That seemed to be a likely result of my own case.

These and other similar reflections were not cheering, so by way of relief I aroused everybody again, and we all started to try and get round to the farther side of the floating shop. For a few moments we got a clear space of water on one side of the boat, and two bundles suddenly popped up somehow attached. 'What's that?' I yelled into the ear of the nearest man. He looked. 'Sui Kwei!' he yelled back, and shoved them away with his pole. Yes, they might be water devils now, but a very short time before they were a Chinese mother and her baby. A second later and we were jammed in again. It only needed this unlucky touch to the horror of the situation to realize that there were probably a good many bodies bobbing about underneath the mass of boats.

We had now drifted about a hundred yards down from the raft and more towards that side of the river, so could see better what was happening ahead. The up-river one was now well alight, and in a few minutes the three small huts on it vanished. But it was with a good deal of uplifting of the heart that I noticed the raft not only kept its position but detained a part of the fire from moving down. A clear break in the line showed itself, and the free end began to swing in more from the City bank. A number of the boats that had been doing their utmost to get down, took advantage of this, and slipped past to a safe position above, so relieving the pressure and giving more elbow-room to everybody.

The detached fire, still moving, began to break into sections, the unearthly glare to lessen and the fire to get more smoky and terrestrial looking. Opportunites to move occasionally showed themselves, and so, slowly but surely, we got farther from danger, and in about an hour were safely round the corner at the junction of the rivers and anchored a little way up stream. During this hour, we had many little adventures, too numerous to mention, and learned many things. The fire had started on a salt boat, and in a few minutes involved the whole flotilla lying together, including some boats containing kerosine; so the great virility and colour of the fire were explained. Also we heard that as soon as the hullabaloo arose the crews of the big cargo boats in the great river had manned their small boats and put off to pick up unconsidered trifles, and it was these thieves that frightened the boat people in the mouth of the tributary from getting away into the main stream, thus causing the block all the way up to the fire. Two boats of the thieving gentry paid us a visit, but were scared off by the sight of a foreigner with a gun. All the remainder of the night, and well into the morning, detached fires went down river, the salt boats as their wood superstructures burnt away, being worked into the banks, and the occupants of the small craft were busy stealing the grimy salt, until chased off by a guard boat.

On New Year's day, it would have been unlucky to speak of disaster, so nobody appeared to have seen or heard of fire or death the night before, although the charred bottoms of scores of boats bore witness, and the loss of life must have been very great. However one thing was certain, and that was, I had seen enough of 'The Sodium Flame' to last a lifetime.

BAMBOO.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F.C. v. KING'S OWN REGIMENT.

At the Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, a return match was played between these teams. When they last met, the K.O.R. won by 5 goals to *nil*. The Club played what may be regarded as its full cup-tie team, but as the names of the Regimental team are seldom published it is, of course, impossible to say whether it was up to its usual strength. Round the ropes, it was currently rumoured that five of the regular members of the team were absent, and if this is correct it is fairly evident that it will take an eleven of exceptional merit (or Hongkong) to defeat the soldiers.

Shortly after the kick-off, the Regimental team scored, but although play was fast and the soldiers held the upper hand the game was about twenty minutes old before they scored again. This they did, however, in rather startling fashion. The ball was kicked out from goal, was promptly secured by the regimental centre half, who chopped it, in fine half-back style, amongst his forwards a short distance from the Club goal. Taking a few seconds to steady themselves, the regimental front line came away together, and before Davies could realise what they were after the ball was shot into the net quite out of his reach. The game had scarcely been re-started when the soldiers came through the Club halves with a rush, and the left wing made a flying shot at goal some 20 yards out. Davies tried to kick out, missed, and a third goal was the result. Again the soldiers returned in a finely-spread-out line, passing and heading the ball from man to man, until the right winger got it. He also scored from a flying shot kicked fully twenty yards from goal, Davies again missing when trying to kick out. These were two very weak attempts to save; the elevation, in both cases, was a trifle high for safe negotiation by kicking, and, unpressed by the centre forward, the goalkeeper might easily have caught and thrown out. Towards the close of the first half, the soldiers relaxed their efforts, and allowed their back division to have a little practice against the speedy Club forwards. For this they had to pay. An energetic piece of play by Mackay, well within the Club territory, enabled his front-rank colleagues to pass the military half-backs, and Noble, Anton and Head, by long kicking and trusting to their speed, also passed the backs and got within shooting distance. Whilst Anton kept off the backs, Head popped the ball into the net, making the score:—

REGIMENT ..... 4 goals.
CLUB ..... 1 goal.

The play was of a very desultory nature in the second period. Content with one more goal, the soldiers simply fooled the Club back division. This was a pity, as the football degenerated, and the exhibition was far from creditable to the soldiers, looking at the match from a purely football standpoint. Several times the Club forwards got away with the ball, when they might well have been checked, and Moberley missed several likely chances of scoring; but, speaking generally, there was no football in the game after half-time.

The final score was:—

REGIMENT ..... 5 goals.
CLUB ..... 1 goal.

Mr D. Wood was an efficient referee.

The game was a very pleasant one, the players on both sides playing in excellent temper and with an entire absence of roughness. The regimental left-back and centre half again played well, although neither was called on to exert himself, and both players might well be copied by local enthusiasts anxious to improve their respective styles of play. It is impossible to say what true merit the front rank possesses, as the Club halves were obviously not class enough to break up the combination, but one or two of the men, and especially the outside right, have a fine turn of speed and keep the ball well under control. The Club forwards played the best game of their side; but that is not saying much. All depended on the old-fashioned kick-and-rush style of play, trusting to their speed to outpace the military backs. This paid on a few occasions, but the left back was invariably too wily and as invariably got the ball away before the Club forwards became actually dangerous. It must be said for the Club forwards, however, that they had far too much work to do. Their half-backs were next to useless, and any chances the forwards got were of their own making. Looker, as usual, tried to do too much, with the inevitable result. Mayson at back did not play in his best form, which may be accounted for by his recent accident, but Chad Kew, on the other hand, seems to have improved, and his kicking was very sure and strong towards the close of the game. Davies was weak in goal, and did not do himself justice. In the second half he wakened up, and kept out some more difficult shots than he bungled in the first half.

It is more than ever evident that the Club must adopt a radical change in its style of play if it hopes for success in Shield ties. Never was disparity of style more marked than in yesterday's game. The soldiers have the true idea of Association football, and are able to get the ball and keep it with half the exertion of a Club player. The Club men should learn to keep to their own places and watch the movements of the ball so as to place themselves in a favourable position to get it when the pass comes to them and to get away with the ball. The play of the military centre half was altogether dissimilar to that of Looker, and yet the soldier got the ball more often, and was less exhausted at the end of the hour's play. The Club is fortunate in getting these practice games for the Shield tie. They will enable them to make a better fight with Kowloon, who are still good enough to win if the full team is available.

On the 2nd inst., the correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* wrote from Chinkiang:—The exceptionally fine weather and mild winter has been a kind Providence to the thousands of beggar refugees who are camped here. These refugees are from the northern end of this province and from Shantung. Notwithstanding their great number they manage to keep soul and body together, which, of course, means the giving to them daily of thousands of cash by the more fortunate native here.

YE CHRONICLES OF THE CITY BY THE SEA.

And, behold, it came to pass that the Chief of the Sanhedrim had come to the end of his term of Government, and was about to retire to the shade of his own fig tree and *otium cum dignitate* for the remainder of his term of existence on this troubled sphere.

And there was much discord in the City by reason of the slack hand by which the Chariot of the Sun had been driven: the Charioteer being under the control of the Great Colonial Department of State, the wires of which were pulled by the Man Joseph, whose coat was of many colours.

Now the Man Joseph, though clever and able, was not originally of the great Constitutional Party of the Dominion of the Queen of Victory, he having seceded from the Opposition—perhaps not without reason—but the fact caused him to be viewed with distrust by the rank and file, and by some of the thinking spirits of the Great Party.

And dissension arose in the Cabinet, and seats began to fall to the onslaught of the enemy, so that the people murmured, saying, 'Better send all firebrands to govern Rhodesia'; but there were differences of opinion, some saying, 'This man is no firebrand, but a leader of men!' which was true. Others saying, 'He was once a Radical!' which in certain circles is an unnameable sin!

And all these distractions re-acted unfavourably on the distant Colonies, and the word went forth, 'Amuse the people, but do nothing.' And on this precept the departing Ruler had acted. Nevertheless as a man he was a genial soul, and popular in a way, though run by the P. O.'s of the C. O. on the old lines.

Now a generation of workers had arisen who hated the old bee-hive style, where the drones took all the honey and let the workers toil; and the influence of these people was becoming stronger year by year, and the drones hated them and said, 'Behold they are only canaille,' though there were many among them of ancient lineage and some ability who despised these drones, most of whom were only creatures of yesterday, without the tact or sense to work and live in peace with their neighbours.

And, behold, the city Menagerie called a meeting to discuss the situation, but none of the Lions would attend. So another of the animals was voted to the chair, and covered with the skin of a real lion. All the birds in the air attended the seance. And the old grey parrots, and the makaws, and the jays in borrowed plumage, and the magpies and the daws rustled their feathers, and said, 'How nice he looks; now we can talk!' And talk they did!

And there was only one real Bul-bhul present, and she sang the Chairman to sleep and took charge generally. But the other feathered ones were jealous, and said, 'Truly her high notes are false!' And she flew at them, and there was likely to be trouble.

And a dear old grey Polly opened the proceedings by inquiring why it had not been asked to the last insects' convocation, she being a very old member of the Menagerie; and this motion was supported by a pure white Paddy-bird, who in getting on its feet jostled a big spider which stung it out of sheer spite.

And then the fun commenced. The paddy bird began to dance, and could not stop; and it capsized the inkpot and soiled the fine plumage of some of the others, and one and all began to say unkind things of their neighbours. And the Mynas said smart things, and imitated those in high places, and were rebuked in solemn tones by the ravens and the daws, whose nests are in the Cathedral. Then the Mocking-bird chanted 'Angels ever bright and fair.' And the Jays said they could not associate with paddy birds, and the Columbidæ said paddy birds were vulgar creatures, and live in swamps, therefore should be excluded from the Menagerie's inner circle, as there probably was no place for them in the sweet bye-and-bye; and the Spiders said 'That's so.' Then some one said 'Let us divide;' but the Skylark said, 'Sure it's divided we are into little bits; let's adjourn;' but the Peacock arose and spread himself, saying 'Behold a very serious matter; my friends the spiders are insects of importance, and aristocrats in their way, though they do spin webs.' But the Possum said, 'Guess you don't know; you only see one side of the account; better hush up.' Now the Possum was known to be a wise beast, but was voted vulgar by the select Columbidæ, who were friends of the genus Mygale, a peculiar family of spiders, also of the Mylabris, a genus of Coleopterous insects celebrated for their blistering powers. And the meeting broke up in confusion, but the Mygale in question had to take a trip to other parts, as all the paddy-birds were watching for him, and one snap of those long bills would have rendered a funeral unnecessary.

And among much firing of crackers, spreading of butter, and consumption of the choicest vintage of Gooseberry, the Old Ruler departed in a Teutonic Steamer, which fact gave very great offence to the Ancient Britons, and probably more will be heard of it in the Congregation of the People when the Bills are presented for payment to the taxpayers.

And an Ancient Warrior, whose name was in contrast to the snows of his native mountains, reigned in his stead. He at any rate could be trusted to maintain the dignity of his office, having fought for his country in many lands and knew well 'What was what.'

And, behold, the Chief Scribe of the Sanhedrim was sorely troubled in spirit over these changes, and he declared the People of the City had thrown dust on his head and had treated him scurvily; but certain of the Elders said 'It is not so, but it is you who have treated the People as a *quantité négligeable*. *Les fous font les festins, et les sages les mangent.* It was you who threw dust on the people and said they had no intelligence and the people remember these things.'

Nevertheless the people had nothing to do with the special legislation designed to bar certain officials. But rumour hath it that certain august ones objected to being run by permanent officials. Hence the elevation of the Man Casks to another sphere, where it would appear that the maxim experientia docet had little effect in his case. But the Chief Scribe was very wroth and said 'I will shake the dust of this City from off my feet!' and the echoes from the Hills repeated 's-h-a-k-e!!!'

And, behold, the Spirit of Intolerance appeared in the City, and the men deserted the Churches and went for picnics on Sundays, and the Churches were left for the women, as in the Home Land, and this was the fault of the bigoted Priesthood, who could not understand that the gift of reason was being exercised by the rising generation as a precious boon from the Lord of Life. The Priests said 'Lo we are the Anointed!' but the people went their own way.

A CHINESE NATIONAL LOAN.

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME.

We have already notified the proposal of the Chinese Government to raise a native loan. The Imperial Edict, issued on the 4th inst., is translated as follows by the *N.-C. Daily News*:—We have received the report of the Board of Revenue, made in obedience to our commands, with reference to a memorial by Huang Sze-jung, a member of the Supervisorate of Instruction of the Heir-Apparent, in which is recommended the issuance of Government Bonds for the purpose of raising funds for the Imperial Exchequer. The said Board having gone carefully and minutely over the memorial in question agree with the views contained therein, recommending that the said Board of Revenue shall print one million Bond certificates (of Tls. 100 each), to be styled 'Sincerity Bonds,' and distributed for sale at Peking and in the various provinces of the Empire, the said Bonds to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the same to be all redeemed by the Imperial Government within the period of twenty years, interest to be paid up to date of redemption. The said Bonds are to be also saleable and transferable at all times within the above period and their actual value shall be guaranteed by the Imperial Government. At the several periods set for the redemption of the said Bonds the holders thereof shall have liberty to use the said Bonds in payment of land taxes and salt duties. The said Bonds shall be distributed and sold to all classes of the country, beginning from the Princes, Dukes, and Nobles downwards in Peking and from the Tartar-Generals, Viceroys, and Governors in the provinces down to their civil and military subordinates of every rank, grade, and class, whether substantive or expectant. These shall buy up and pay cash for the said Bonds so as to set an example to the business men of the country. Those of the business classes and others amongst the people of the Empire having shown a desire also to buy the said Bonds shall have perfect liberty to do so, in which case it shall be the duty of the Governor of the Imperial Prefecture of Shuntien, at Peking, and the various Tartar-Generals, Viceroys, and Governors in the provinces to proclaim at once to the people at large the regulations settled upon by the said Board of Revenue governing the issuance and sale of said Bonds. The said High Authorities shall also appoint deputies to explain to the people the true nature of the said Bonds and any attempts by the said deputies to take advantage of the occasion to extort and force the sale of the said Bonds upon the masses must be strictly prohibited. The deputies charged with the sale of the said Bonds to the people who shall succeed in obtaining large sums therefrom will be rewarded with extraordinary promotion in recognition of their energy and ability.

The said Board having agreed to the above-quoted proposition we hereby command that the same be forthwith regarded as Law.

In a crisis like the present when the Imperial Exchequer is depleted, we feel sure that our Princes, Dukes, Nobles and Ministers in the Capital and the high authorities in the provinces who have been the recipients of our special Bounty will surely show their gratitude to the Throne by heartily responding to the needs of the Government. Nay, even the gentry, notables, and business men down to the common people must surely know their duty and loyalty to the Imperial dynasty and hasten to the succour of the Throne at this moment of emergency. Finally, as it is decided by the said Board of Revenue that the present movement is entirely different from the former methods of calling upon the people of the Empire to render help to the Imperial Government, nor will any force be permitted to compel the masses to buy the said Bonds, the present scheme being on the basis of a commercial transaction where a regular interest shall be paid at stated intervals, we trust that there will be no delay in encompassing the object of this Loan and that our people will not simply look on and remain indifferent [to the needs of the Empire]. Let the above be promulgated to all the people of the Empire.

MR Layburn, of Amoy, is down here at present on a health trip (says the *Singapore Free Press*), and returns to the north by the *Sachsen*. This gentleman is a *shikari* of great repute, having bagged no fewer than twenty tigers in his time. It was with Mr Layburn that Capt. Collinson of the 10th Regiment went on his successful hunt after tiger among the hills in the Amoy district. The three tigers that Capt. Collinson got in one day, were a tigress and two rival male suitors, for her 'paw,' shall we say?

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Feb. 11, 1898.

OPIUM—New Patna, cash,	...	715
,, Old ,, cash,	...	—
,, New Benares, cash,	...	70½
,, Old ,, cash,	...	710
,, New Malwa, credit,	...	78½/60
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,, Allowance, Taels,	...	—
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,, Persian, Paper ½ rd	...	630/640
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Hongkong Register.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.18	30.20	30.08
Temperature	63	59	64
Humidity	29	28	34
Direction of Wind	N	N	W
Force	2	3	1
Weather	b	c	b
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 10th ... 68
Lowest open air temperature on the 11th ... 52

F. CH. FIGE, *First Assistant*
Hongkong Observatory, Feb 11 '98

Temperature.

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HONGKONG, Feb. 11 1898

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	30.19
Do.	1 P.M.	30.04
Do.	4 P.M.	30.00
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	59
Do.	1 P.M.	64
Do.	4 P.M.	63
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	47
Do. Do.	1 P.M.	50
Do. Do.	4 P.M.	53
Do. Maximum		64
Do. Minimum		46

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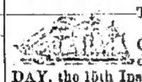

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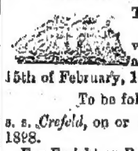

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Feb. 12, at noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	THURSDAY, March 3, at noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama & H'lulu)	TUESDAY, March 22, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship *CHINA*, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-MORROW, the 12th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.
Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.
Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.
Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.
Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.
Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to points in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.
Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 3 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 11, 1898. 193

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, *VIA* THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	TUESDAY, Feb. 22, at noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	SATURDAY, March 12, at noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	THURSDAY, March 31, at noon.

THE Steamship *BELGIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, 22nd February, at Noon.
Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.
Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.
Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*
All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and none will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.
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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN,
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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(*Subject to Alteration.*)
EMPRESS OF INDIA....Comdr. C. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R..WEDNESDAY, 16th Feb./98.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar./98.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. H. PYBUS, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 6th April/98.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.), in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.
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The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.
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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc.; apply to
D. E. BROWN, *General Agent,*
PEDDER STREET.
Hongkong, January 19, 1898. 147

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
KAGOSHIMA MARU, J. W. EBSTRAND,	SEATTLE, Wash., U.S.A., *Viâ* KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 14th Feb., at Daylight.
IDZUMI MARU, R. NUNOME,	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 17th F.b., at 4 p.m.
KAMAKURA MARU, N. TRENNY,	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, *Via* SINGAPORE, (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS), PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	THURSDAY, 17th February, at 4 p.m.
SAGAMI MARU, T. MCHAI,	SHANGHAI, JENSEN, SHIMONOSEKI and KOBE.	FRIDAY, 18th Feb., at 4 p.m.
TOKIO MARU, E. W. HASWELL,	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 21st Feb., at 4 p.m.
MATSUYAMA MARU J. NIREI,	BOMBAY, *Via* SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS), and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 22nd Feb., at Noon.
OMI MARU, C. YOUNG,	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, *Via* THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 25th Feb., at 4 p.m.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and ATLANTIC STEAMERS.
For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, Etc., apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.
A. S. MIHARA, *Manager.*
Hongkong, February 5, 1898. 264

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH Northern Pacific Railway Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
Victoria	3167	J. Trueobridge	Feb. 22
Olympia	3068	T. H. Dobson	Mar. 8
Columbia	2668	A. Gow	April 6
Tacoma	2549	A. Dixon	April 26

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
Brueniar	3601	E. Porter	Feb. 12
Mogul	3654	W. H. Wright	Mar. 22
Argyll	2907	W. Ward	May 8

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Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
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Half hour	0.15	Every subsequent hour	0.10

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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, February 5, 1898.

At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

		PRICE. Highest. Cash.	PRICE. Lowest. Cash.	Chinese Names.
Butcher Meat.				肉食
Bacon, English,	lb.	460	—	來路烟猪肉
,, Ame. Sugar cured	,,	350	—	花旗烟猪肉
,, Foochow,	,,	350	—	福州烟猪肉
,, Japan, cured	,,	—	—	日本烟猪肉
Beef sirloin & prime cut.	catty	150	—	尾龍扒
,, Corned,	catty	170	—	鹹牛肉
,, Roast,	,,	150	—	燒牛肉
,, Soup,	,,	120	—	湯肉
,, Steak,	,,	150	—	牛肉起
Bullock's Brains,	per set	60	50	牛腦
,, Tongue fresh,	each	350	—	牛腳
,, ,, corned	,,	400	—	鹹牛利
,, Head,	,,	500	—	牛頭
,, Heart,	,,	160	—	牛心
,, Hump, Salt	catty	180	—	牛肩
,, Foot,	each	60	—	牛蹄
,, Kidneys,	,,	80	—	牛腰
,, Tail,	,,	120	—	牛尾
,, Liver,	catty	90	—	牛肝
,, Tripe (undressed)	catty	60	—	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet,	set	470	—	牛仔頭脚
Ham, American,	lb.	360	—	花旗火腿
,, Chinese,	,,	300	—	金華火腿
,, English, New,	,,	460	—	來路火腿
,, Japan cured,	,,	—	—	日本火腿
,, Shanghai,	,,	200	—	上海火腿
Mutton Chop,	,,	200	—	羊牌骨
,, Leg,	,,	300	—	羊脚
,, Shoulder,	,,	180	—	羊手
Pigs' Chitlings	catty	70	60	猪腸
,, Feet,	,,	130	—	猪蹄
,, Fry,	,,	160	—	猪雜
,, Head,	each	500	450	猪頭
,, Heart,	,,	50	40	猪心
,, Kidneys,	pair	70	—	猪腰
,, Liver,	lb.	100	—	猪肝
Pork, Chop,	catty	200	—	猪牌骨
,, Corned,	,,	300	—	鹹猪肉
,, Leg,	,,	180	—	猪脚
,, Fat or Lard,	,,	180	—	猪油
Sheep' Head and Feet,	set	450	—	羊頭脚
,, Heart,	each	50	40	羊心
,, Kidneys,	,,	100	—	羊腰
,, Liver,	lb.	100	140	羊肝
Sucking-Pigs,	each	$1.75	$1.25	猪仔
Suet, Beef,	lb.	120	—	生牛油
,, Mutton,	,,	120	—	生羊油
Veal,	catty	160	—	牛仔肉
Poultry.				生口
Chicken,	catty	240	—	雞仔
Capons,	,,	200	—	閹雞
Ducks,	,,	180	—	鴨
Doves,	each	—	—	鴿
Eggs, Hen	doz.	120	—	雞蛋
,, Duck	,,	160	—	鴨蛋
Fowls,	catty	200	—	雞
Geese,	,,	180	—	鵝
Hares,	each	450	—	野兔
Musk Deer,	,,	$7.50	—	麝香
Partridges,	,,	400	—	鷓鴣
Pigeons,	,,	240	—	白鴿
Pheasant,	brace	$1.10	—	野鷄
Rice Birds,	doz.	—	—	鳥
Quail,	each	120	—	鶉
Snipe,	,,	100	—	沙錐
Turkeys, Cock,	catty	350	—	火鷄
,, Hen,	,,	300	—	火鷄
Teal,	each	280	—	水鴨
Wild Ducks,	pair	700	—	野鴨
Fish.				海鮮
Barbel,	catty	140	—	鯉
Bream,	,,	90	—	鯛
Bombay Ducks,	pieces	350	—	孟買魚
C'ton Fresh Water Fish,	catty	100	—	廣東魚
Carp,	,,	11	—	鯉
Catfish,	,,	—	—	鯰魚
Codfish, Salt,	,,	100	—	鱈魚
Crabs,	,,	160	—	蟹
Cuttle Fish,	,,	110	—	烏賊
Dab,	,,	10	—	沙鄭
Dace,	,,	90	—	鯝魚
Dog Fish,	,,	—	—	鯊魚
Eels, Congor,	,,	—	—	海鰻
,, Fresh water,	,,	180	—	淡水鰻
Eels, Yellow,	,,	140	—	黃鰻
File Fish,	,,	—	—	剝皮魚
Frogs,	,,	250	—	蛙
Fresh Fish,	,,	110	—	魚
Garoupa,	,,	80	—	石斑魚
Gudgeon,	,,	8	—	白鱀魚
Gurnard,	,,	80	—	紅魚
Herrings,	,,	11	—	白鰱
,, smoked	box	—	—	熏鰱
Halibut,	catty	18	—	比目魚
Lobster,	,,	13	—	龍蝦
Loach,	,,	140	—	鰍魚
Lobster,	,,	100	—	龍蝦
[illegible],	,,	—	—	[illegible]
Mock Fish,	,,	200	—	假魚
Mullet,	,,	100	—	烏魚
Oysters,	,,	150	—	生蠔
Perch,	,,	120	—	鱸魚
Pike,	catty	—	—	花鯉
Plaice,	,,	—	—	鯉魚
Pomfret, White	,,	180	—	白鯧
Pomfret, Black	,,	120	—	烏鯧
Prawns,	,,	280	—	明蝦
Ray,	,,	300	—	琵琶沙
Rock Fish,	,,	60	—	石狗公
Roach,	,,	—	—	鯉魚
Salmon, (Canton),	,,	200	—	馬友魚
Shark,	,,	50	—	鯊魚
Salt Fish,	,,	100	—	鹹魚
Skate,	,,	60	—	鰩魚
Shrimps,	,,	160	—	蝦
Snapper,	,,	250	—	立魚
Soles,	,,	140	—	龍沙魚
Tench,	,,	120	—	鯽魚
Turbot,	,,	100	—	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,	,,	350	—	水龜
Whiting,	catty	70	—	長魚
White Bait,	,,	90	—	白鱀仔
Fruits.				菓子
Apples, (California),	catty	400	—	金山平果
,, (Tientsin),	,,	—	—	天津平果
,, (Japan),	,,	—	—	日本平果
Bananas, fragrant,	,,	20	—	香蕉香蕉
,, (brides),	,,	20	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,	,,	80	—	栗
Carambola,	,,	—	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts,	each	50	—	椰子
Ground Nuts,	catty	100	—	花生
Grapes,	,,	—	—	葡萄子
Lemons, China,	,,	40	—	檸檬
,, Peel,	,,	—	—	橘餅
Lichees, Dried,	,,	500	—	荔枝
,, Fresh,	,,	—	—	荔枝
Limes,	,,	—	—	檸檬
Mango, (Saigon),	each	—	—	安南芒菓
,, (Manila),	,,	—	—	呂宋芒
Mangosteen,	dozen	—	—	山竹子
Oranges, Sweet,	catty	30	—	利會柑橙
,, Green,	,,	20	—	青橙
,, Red,	,,	60	—	紅橘
,, Coolie,	,,	30	—	柑
Olives,	,,	100	—	白欖
Pine-apples,	each	10	—	李坦波羅
Pears,	catty	—	—	沙梨
,, (Tientsin),	,,	150	—	天津香梨
Plum, Red,	,,	—	—	紅李
Pumelo,	each	80	—	篠柚
,, (Siam),	catty	100	—	暹羅柚
Raisins, Muscatel,	,,	—	—	葡萄乾
,, Pudding,	,,	—	—	葡萄
Water Chestnuts, com.	,,	100	—	馬蹄
,, Mandarin,	,,	—	—	紅林馬蹄
Walnuts,	,,	14	—	合桃
Vegetables, &c.				菜蔬
Artichokes, Shanghai,	catty	50	—	上海丁香竹
Beans, (French),	,,	100	—	荷蘭豆
,, Long,	,,	—	—	豆角
Beet Root,	each	20	—	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green,	catty	—	—	茄
,, Red,	,,	40	—	茄
Brassica,	,,	20	—	白菜
Bamboo Shoots,	,,	90	—	竹筍
Cabbage, Chinese com.	,,	80	—	菜
Cabbage,	each	80	—	菜
Cauliflower,	,,	100	90	白花菜
Carrots,	catty	90	—	紅蘿蔔
Celery, Chinese,	,,	60	—	芹菜
,, English,	,,	60	—	芹菜
Cashes Dried,	,,	120	—	冬菇
,, Red,	,,	120	—	紅菇
Curry Stuff, English,	,,	40	—	咖喱料
Cucumbers,	,,	90	—	黃瓜
Bitter Squash,	,,	—	—	苦瓜
Garlic,	,,	40	—	蒜
Ginger, young,	,,	40	—	子薑
Horse Radish, S'hai,	,,	120	—	辣根
Indian Corn,	piece	—	—	玉蜀黍
Lettuce, (English),	each	10	—	生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh,	catty	—	—	蘑菇
Onions, Bombay,	,,	100	—	洋葱頭
,, Green,	,,	20	—	蔥
,, Shanghai,	,,	—	—	上海蔥
,, Japan,	,,	150	—	日本蔥
Okroes,	,,	—	—	花旗蔥
Parsley, English,	bundle	10	—	芹菜
Potatoes, Sweet,	catty	20	—	番薯仔
,, Shanghai,	,,	—	—	上海番薯仔
,, Japan,	,,	20	—	日本番薯仔
,, American,	,,	—	—	花旗番薯仔
,, Foochow,	,,	30	—	福州番薯仔
,, Macao,	,,	30	—	澳門番薯仔
Pumpkin,	,,	20	—	南瓜
Purslane,	,,	5	4	馬齒莧
Papaw,	,,	25	20	木瓜
Radish,	dozen	20	—	蘿蔔仔
Rice, best quality, per picul,		$6.50		上等米
,, Common ,, ,,		64.50		平常米
Shallots,	catty	40	—	蔥頭
Spinage, (Chinese)	,,	—	—	菠菜
Spinach,	,,	20	—	菠菜
Snake Gourd,	,,	40	—	蛇瓜
Tomatoes,	,,	40	—	番茄
Taro,	,,	20	15	芋
Turnips, Punti, (Long),	,,	10	—	蘿蔔
Vegetable Marrow,	,,	—	—	白瓜
,, ,, (Long),	,,	40	—	白瓜
Water Cresses,	,,	70	—	西洋菜

ALEXANDER WATSON,
Assistant Inspector of Markets.

THE LIGHT THAT CAST NO SHADOW.

Curious stories are told about the powers possessed by certain natives of India, who live up among the Himalaya mountains. These old men, it is said, have devoted scores of years to the study of natural laws and forces, which the rest of the world knows nothing about. Lately a German professor visited the 'adepts,' as these queer Hindus are called, for the purpose of finding out the secret of their remarkable performances. They treated him rather scurvily, but interested him all the same. One day the professor wanted to examine some ancient Sanskrit manuscripts. An adept went with him to a cave wherein the books were kept. The place was dark as the bottom of a well.

'I can't see to read, here,' said the visitor.

'Then we will have some light,' was the reply, and immediately (the professor says) a soft, pearly light brightened the cave. He could not tell whence it came, but he noticed that it had one strange quality—*it cast not the slightest shadow.*

This is a story hard to believe, yet its truth is affirmed by a man of vast learning and high character, and you who now read it have no reason for doubt except that all the lights you have seen have cast shadows. Belief or unbelief commonly runs parallel with one's own experience. Dr Johnson sniffed at the account of the Lisbon earthquake, yet credited the tale of the Cock Lane ghost.

A man who has been ill for years, and failed to find a cure, is sceptical when friends tell him of a medicine which they believe will make him well. What else but doubt could result from his experience? Take an example:—

'In the spring of 1898,' writes our correspondent, 'I fell into a low, weak, and languid state. I felt low-spirited and out of sorts. At first my stomach was deranged, my appetite poor, and after eating I had pain and weight at the chest. I was much troubled with wind, and frequently spat up a sour fluid, also bitter bile. Later on I suffered from nervousness and great depression of spirits. I kept up with my work, but had always a sense of discomfort. Off and on I continued in this way for two years, a thing that I took relieving me. At last I heard of Mother Seigel's Syrup, and procured a supply. After I had taken only a few doses I found relief; my food digested, and gradually all nervousness left me. Although I had no reason at first to feel any confidence in this medicine, never having used it or seen it used, I now gladly admit its value, and its power over disease. Since my recovery, for which I thank Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, I have been in the best of health and spirits. In the interests of suffering humanity I deem it a duty to send you this testimony.' (Signed) D. Griffiths, tailor and outfitter, 151, Hockley Hill, Birmingham, June 8th, 1893.'

There is a deal of difference between Mr Griffiths's candid letter and the story about the light that cast no shadow. The latter may be true enough, but it cannot be verified without more trouble than it is worth. On the other hand we have a trustworthy witness, who will answer letters of inquiry, and can be found at his address.

Finally, there is nothing mystic or magical about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. It acts on the theory that most ailments are but symptoms, forms, or phases of that universal disease—indigestion and dyspepsia; it cures that, and throws the light of health and happiness over hearths and homes where illness and pain had cast such dark and terrifying shadows. And that is why people believe all that is told of its success by eager witnesses.

THE ENGLISH JURORS AND THEIR MAIL LETTERS.

CONSIDERATION FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

We are glad to say that the business men empanelled on the Supreme Court jury this week have met with much consideration from Sir Winfield Bonsor. To-day, being mail day, he had arranged for the cases requiring a Sinhalese jury to be taken, so that the English-speaking jury, which included several busy men in the Fort—among whom were Messrs. W. B. Kingsbury, C. A. Cave, E. Lovell (acting Agent for the P. & O. Co.), Sturgess (the Government Veterinary Surgeon), Cary (Commercial Company), G. E. Lockhman, and Passingham (*Times of Ceylon*)—might get off. Yesterday, however, it was discovered that the cases requiring Sinhalese jurors were not ready for hearing, so the Solicitor-General asked his Lordship if the English-speaking jury could not be retained. His Lordship said he had arranged for them to be free for the writing of mail letters, and refused to alter this arrangement, saying that if the cases requiring a Sinhalese jury were not ready the Court would not sit. An application from the Solicitor-General that he would only excuse the attendance of those who could say their business was urgent was refused.—*Times of Ceylon.*

THE SCANDAL IN HIGH LIFE

If Mr Spender Clay had been poor, would his defence to the action brought by money-lending Lewis have succeeded?—He would not have been believed. It is such a common thing—at any rate in fiction, which with some people is the only 'real life' they take an interest in—for impecunious young men to back bills, that the jury must have given Mr Lewis a verdict. On the other hand, it is a correspondingly rare thing for young men of means to commit themselves to liabilities which they feel they are sure to have to meet. Therefore, extraordinary as the tale is which Mr Spender Clay told, it was quite in accordance with what we know of human nature. Of course, it can be said that if Mr Spender Clay had not been a young gentleman of great possessions, his signature would have been valueless to Lord William Nevill, so if his riches got him out of trouble, they also got him into trouble. The amount he was sued for—about £13,000—was a trifle compared to the £40,000 which the friends of a less prudent young man had paid without resistance, so when he came into court to defend his pocket, it was palpable that he must be in earnest, and, therefore, speaking the truth. One thing seems exceptional. How did so prudent a young man come to sign his name four times without insisting on having just one look? Lord William Nevill is of some interest to Australians. He stayed at Government-house in Lord Loch's time; and his conversion to Roman Catholicism is understood to have been completed at Richmond, under the coaching of Lord Castlerosa, one of Lord Loch's A.D.C.'s. It is suggested by the *Saturday Review* that Lord William changed his faith in order to win Miss Murrietta, the daughter of the Spanish financier. But another report states that some time before he married he had thought of entering a monastery. What seems probable is that if the Argentine collapse had not brought down the house of Murrietta, Lord William Nevill would never have had occasion to apply to the money-lender, and so might have lived, as long as his delicate constitution lasted, the life of an idle, yet very presentable, scion of nobility. The story that he received £5,000 for bringing a prince to an entertainment given in London by a wealthy Australian let us hope is not true. There are not known to be any Australians now in England making it their business to run after Royalty, and the price seems extravagant. The Prince of Wales has had no occasion for several years to complain of the 'dreadful' attentions which an ambitious Australian looking for a peerage used to pay him. 'He follows me about,' once said His Royal Highness, 'like a dog.'—*Melbourne Australasian.*

Very fine. New Waltz by A. G. Ward, 'Pearl of the East.'—Robinson Piano, Pottinger.

LOCKWOOD STORIES.

An anecdote, which has gone the rounds for many years, relates that Mr Lockwood—as he then was—being on circuit with a well-known barrister (now a county-court judge), went one evening to hear that gentleman preach in a local Wesleyan chapel. On seeing Mr Lockwood enter the barrister mistrusted his motives, and taking the bull by the horns, called upon that gentleman (by the name of 'Brother Lockwood'!) to lead the devotions—an appeal which discomfited Mr Lockwood utterly. There is no truth whatever in this story, but it has circulated so long that it is difficult to make anybody incredulous of its veracity.

One of Sir Frank's own jokes was very characteristic. He was re-examining his client with regard to various companies, a good many of which had wound up. The Automatic Musical Instruments Company came up for notice—a Company for utilising a kind of street-organ-piano. 'That,' said Sir Frank genially, 'had to be wound up anyway.'

Touching a remark as to the extraordinary 'innocence' of the judicial bench, Sir Frank related in the following words an instance within his own experience: 'I think we may safely say it's a humorous assumption. Sir——, mentioning a well-known sporting judge, 'very often pretends to be ignorant of racing matters, and thereby always excites a good-humoured laugh. I can remember once I was acting as counsel for W. S. Gilbert in a case in which he charged a man with introducing into one of his works certain commonplace, but to say vulgar, lyrics. I was pleading the case before the judge. 'And here, my lord, is an instance of what I was saying. The defendant has introduced these lines into the opera, 'Yes, we'll mash'em, oh, we'll mash'em, we'll mash the little dears.'" Of course, continued Sir Frank, 'the whole court was convulsed with laughter, until the quiet voice of the judge induced a deep silence. "But perhaps you will explain to the court what the word mash may mean."'

Sir George Lewis, who was a close personal friend of the late Sir Frank Lockwood, has furnished to the *Daily News* many interesting reminiscences of the dead lawyer. Sir George Lewis, who learned of the death on calling at Lennox-gardens to inquire after the health of his friend, observed:—'It is almost impossible to say what a gap his loss will make in the legal as well as in the social world. I venture to say that he was one of the most popular men, if not the most popular man in London or, indeed, in England. He was equally a favourite in the House of Commons as with the members of his own profession, while in general society there was no one whose company was more enjoyed or sought after. He was a personal friend of the Prince of Wales, to whom I at once sent a telegram on hearing the sad news.'

Referring to Sir Frank's power as a wit Sir George Lewis said:—'A constant source of jokes for Frank Lockwood were his reminiscences of the time when he occupied the position of Solicitor-General. You will remember that when the Radical Government went out the post he held was not immediately filled up, and as a consequence he remained in office for some time under the new Administration. He would often relate, with sly glee, how he had acted under a Tory Government and 'taken Tory money;' while he would also lay stress upon the fact that he was the only law officer of the Crown who had ever been placed in such a predicament.'

As a draughtsman Sir Frank's powers are well known, and concerning this Sir George said:—'His love of fun led him constantly to employ his powers of drawing on all occasions and under nearly all circumstances. During the Parnell Commission, I remember, he drew pictures of almost everybody in court. His types of the various witnesses, peasants, farmers, and constabulary men were not only diverting in the extreme, but showed remarkable insight into character as well as artistic skill. All these likenesses, however caricatured, were so good-naturedly drawn that they occasioned nothing but pleasure even to the victims, to whom they were frequently presented.'

Recalling the celebrated cases in which Sir Frank was engaged Sir George Lewis mentioned, among others, his appearance on behalf of Lord Colin Campbell, his leader being the present Solicitor-General. 'One of his latest and, in my opinion,' continued Sir George, 'one of his greatest successes was his defence of Mr Jerome in an action for libel brought by Mr Fox, of water gas fame, against Mr Jerome as proprietor and editor of *To-Day*. Lockwood cross-examined Mr Fox for two or three days with signal success, and obtained what was practically a victory by the verdict passing against his client for one farthing damages. The last time I believe that he appeared in court was in a case in which I instructed him—Holloway v. *Pall Mall Gazette*. We gained the verdict; but even while Sir Frank Lockwood was conducting the case with every appearance of enjoying the fun he was not then in good health. He confessed to me during the adjournment that he felt ill, but as the case was one which could be finished within the day, he exercised his will, and forced himself to go on.'

In conclusion, Sir George Lewis said: 'Poor Frank Lockwood! He was only 51, and we all expected that he had a long term of happy and useful life before him!'

THE Probable Reason.—'I wonder why people so like to wear squeaky shoes to church?' said the nervous boarder. 'Perhaps,' said Asbury Peppers, 'they do so to call the pastor's attention to their soles.'

Hongkong Tides.

The Tide Table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 8 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. the height given in the table.

12th to 18th February.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Sat.	12	0 21 a	5 9	m 8 6	-0 1
				6 44 a	0 8
Sun.	13	m 0 51	2 6	p 0 17	0 3
		1 10 a	4 0	6 19 a	0 8
Mon.	14	m 2 12	1 10	m 8 45	0 10
		2 0 a	4 3	10 24 a	0 0
Tues	15	m 4 31	1 4	m 7 10	1 3
		3 20 a	4 5	11 55 a	-0 7
Wed	16	No inferior	high	noon low-	water.
		4 40 a	4 6		
Thur	17	m 5 32	1 6	m 0 35	-1 3
		5 0 a	5 0	m 15 0	1 0
Fri.	18	m 6 [illegible]	1 1	m 1 48	-1 0
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Wl'ostock	29.8	29	—	NNW	4	b	—
Tokio	28.47	—	—	N	0	—	—
Kochi	28.68	—	—	NW	6	—	—
Nagasaki	29.83	—	—	NW	6	—	—
Kagoshima	29.85	—	—	N	0	—	—
Gutzlaff	30.21	42	—	NW	5	bv	—
Sharp Pk.	30.19	56	63	E	3	b	—
Amoy	30.18	50	48	SW	1	b	—
Swatow	—	—	—	N	2	b	—
Canton	30.20	60	68	NE	1	b	—
Hongkong	30.18	63	29	N	2	b	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	NNW	3	—	—
Gap Rock	30.18	—	—	NNW	3	—	—
Macao	30.20	66	—	NNW	1	b	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Golmao	29.90	77	82	N	5	c	—
Manila	29.84	90	55	SW	1	c	—
U.S. James	—	—	—	NE	7	f	—

February 11th.—AT 10 A.M.

Station.	Barom. corr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. direction.	Wind. force.	Weather.	Sea.
Wl'ostock	29.77	25	83	N	2	c	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	30.08	43	10	W	7	bm	—
Sharp Pk.	30.22	55	66	W	1	o	—
Amoy	30.21	51	66	W	1	b	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	30.24	52	70	NE	—	b	—
Hongkong	30.20	59	23	N	3	o	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	NE	4	—	—
Gap Rock	30.[illegible]	—	—	N	3	—	—
Macao	30.25	62	—	NNE	1	o	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Golmao	29.98	79	70	SE	4	b	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
U.S. James	—	—	—	NE	6	f	—

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 11, 1898.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, in five points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
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Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	50,000	$ 125	all	163 % prem. = $353.75
Bank of China & Japan, Limited — preference shares	30,950	£ 5	£ 5	nom.
" ordinary "	122,875	£ 8	£ 2.14	nom.
" deferred "	1,250	£ 1	£ 1	£5.5, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited...	...	£ 10	£ 8	£18½, sales
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.....	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$150, sellers.
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld...	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	60, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.....	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 198
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.....	30,000	$ 100	$ 20	$14, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Ld.....	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$222½, sellers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$140, sales
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.....	20,000	$ 100	$ 20	$108, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld...	8,000	$ 250	$ 50	$372½, sellers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	257 % prm. = $421.25, [buyers
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$76, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.....	20,000	$ 50	all	$58, sales
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 15	$ 15	$26½, ex div., buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	30,000	£ 10	all	£55
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£ 10	£ 10	£7.10, buyers
			£ 10	£6.10, buyers
Do. (new issue).	20,000	£ 10	£ 5	£2.15, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited.....	20,000	$ 100	all	$169, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited. ...	7,000	$ 100	all	$42½, sellers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 50	all	$59, buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited.	2,600	$ 100	$ 37½	$41
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.....	50,000	$ 100	$ 50	$73, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company, ...	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$17½, ex div., sales
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co...	25,400	$ 10	all	$9½, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited..	12,500	$ 50	$ 40	$20½, ex div.
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$105, ex div., buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld...	40,000	$ 5	all	$2, buyers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.....	60,000	$ 4	all	$0½, buyers
" " Preference shares....	30,000	$ 1	all	$2
Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co. Ld.....	18,000	$ 5	$ 5	$6, sales
	52,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$3.10, buyers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin.	12,000	Fcs. 500	all	$140, buyers
New Balmoral Gold M'ing Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 1	all	$1.40, sellers
" " Preference shares....	75,000	$ 1		$1.65, sellers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld....	200,000	£ 1	13/10	$2½, sellers
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.....	A 15,000	$ 5	$ 5	$19, sellers
	B 20,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$7½, sales
	25,000	$ 5	$ 1	—
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ld.	7,500	$ 100	$ 50	nom.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited, in liq.	6,000	$ 50	all	$5, buyers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ld.....	12,000	$ 50	all	$53, sellers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.....	60,000	$ 10	all	$12, sales
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited...	7,000	£ 10	all	$120, sales
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited. ...	30,000	$ 10	$ 11	$10, sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	$ 100	$333½ / $317½
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	10,000	£ 10	£ 15/	$5
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited....	1,200	$ 100	all	$84
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$20½, sellers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld. ...	600	$ 50	all	$33
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.....	10,000	$ 7½	$ 5	$5½, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited..	5,000	$ 25	all	$107, ex div.
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld	5,000	$ 50	all	$174
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	1,000,000	$ 100	$ 25	$17, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld., ...	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 100, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld., ...	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 110
Lawut-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	6,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 110
Carmichael & Co., Ld.....	6,000	$ 25	$ 20	$43
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls 500	Tls. 520, ex div.

* Founder's shares.

Bonds.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1896	Tls. 587,878	Tls. 100	7 % p. annum	10 % prem.

G. E. MORRISS, Secretary.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *COROMANDEL*.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This Vessel brings on Cargo :—
From LONDON, &c., ex s.s. *China*. From PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. *Kilwa* and *Fatua*.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 11 a.m. on the 5th Instant.
Goods not cleared by the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 4, 1898 261

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *JAPAN*.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This Vessel brings on Cargo :—
From ITALY, ex s.s. *Sutlej*. From MADRAS, ex s.s. *Lutpoora*.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. To-DAY.
Goods not cleared by the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognised.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, February, 5, 1898. 263

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *VICTORIA*,
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 5, 1898. 260

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Hertha*, Captain TH. HILDEBRANDT, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-DAY.
Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LD., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon ON THE 14TH INSTANT, OR THEY WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 7, 1898. 283

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, SOUTHAMPTON & SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Bingo Maru*, having arrived from above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To DAY.
Goods not cleared by the 16th Instant, will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company, and sent into this Office within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, February 9, 1898. 269

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COTTON CLEANING & WEG. CO., S'hai.
ONODA CEMENT COMPANY, Japan.
KANEGAFUCHI COTTON SP'ING MILL, "
MIIKE COTTON SP'ING MILL, LTD., "
TOKIO COTTON SPINNING MILL, "
HAYASHI CLOCK FACTORY, "
Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1873

Notices to Consignees.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *SACHSEN*.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
OPTIONAL CARGO will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given This Afternoon, at 4 p.m.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th Inst. will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 17th, and MONDAY, the 21st Instant, at 9.30 a.m.
All Claims must reach us before the 24th Inst., or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 301

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEN, KURRACHEE, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Maria Valerie*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., whence delivery may be obtained.
This Vessel brings on Cargo :—
From CALCUTTA, ex s.s. *Aglaia* transhipped at COLOMBO. From TRIESTE, ex s.s. *Imperatrix* transhipped at BOMBAY. From VENICE, ex s.s. *Massimiliano* and *Carlotta*, transhipped at TRIESTE.
Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given Immediately.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned BEFORE NOON ON THE 17TH FEBRUARY, OR THEY WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 17th February will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 300

Intimations.

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Hongkong, January 18, 1898. 140

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas-Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Section.		Captain.	Flag and Rig.		Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.										
Anping	3	c	Stewart	Chi.	str.	1156	Feb. 10	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Cheang Chew	3	c	Webb	Brit.	str.	1213	Feb. 9	Chinese		
China	5	c	Seabury	Haw.	str.	2422	Feb. 5	P. M. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	Feb. 12.
China	3	c	Schipper	Ger.	str.	1113	Feb. 7	Siemssen & Co.	Saigon	Feb. 13.
Chow Tai	2	c	Morris	Brit.	str.	1115	Feb. 9	Yuen Fat Hong		
Cosmopolit	...		Fetz	Ger.	str.	575	Feb. 4	Lanta, Wegener & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Empress of India	5	h	Marshall	Brit.	str.	3003	Jan. 27	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver, B.C.	Feb. 16.
Fausang	5	c	Moncur	Brit.	str.	1410	Feb. 10	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Germania	3	c	Muller	Ger.	str.	1713	Feb. 7	Jebsen & Co.	Hongay	To-day
Haimun	...		Clausen	Ger.	str.	740	Jan. 24	Siemssen & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Hangchow	5	c	Pearce	Brit.	str.	999	Feb. 9	Butterfield & Swire		
Hsin Chi	3	h	Lowe	Chi.	str.	1066	Feb. 11	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Jacob Christensen	3	c	Hansen	Norw.	str.	1088	Feb. 11	Wieler & Co.		
Kagoshima Maru	5	c	Ekstrand	Japan.	str.	4370	Jan. 21	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Kobe & Seattle	Feb. 13.
Keong-wai	3	c	Unsworth	Brit.	str.	1115	Feb. 7	Butterfield & Swire	Hoihow & Bangkok	Feb. 12.
Konaura Maru	3	c	Shenas	Japan.	str.	1508	Feb. 5	Chinese	Yokohama	Feb. 13.
Kong Beng	3	h	Joslin	Brit.	str.	900	Feb. 5	Yuen Fat Hong	Saigon	Feb. 12.
Kwang Lee	...		Lincoln	Chi.	str.	1505	Jan. 23	C. M. S. N. Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Kweiyang	9	c	Outerbridge	Brit.	str.	1062	Feb. 8	Butterfield & Swire		
Langbank	5	k	Rout	Brit.	str.	2565	Feb. 11	Japanese		
Lyeemoon	3	c	Heuermann	Ger.	str.	1238	Feb. 10	Siemssen & Co.		
Maria Valerie	5	k	Milis	Aus.	str.	3400	Feb. 10	Sander & Co.	Shanghai & Kobe	Feb. 12.
Martha	...		Kratzfeldt	Ger.	str.	1418	Jan. 23	Melchers & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Obi	5	k	Pinkham	Brit.	str.	1364	Feb. 10	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Yokohama	Feb. 12.
Oopack	5	k	Barker	Brit.	str.	2517	Feb. 10	Holliday, Wise & Co.	Shanghai, &c.	Feb. 12.
Peiyang	3	c	Kohler	Ger.	str.	953	Feb. 10	Siemssen & Co.	shanghai	Feb. 12.
Quarta	3	c	Johannsen	Ger.	str.	1146	Feb. 3	Wieler & Co.	Bangkok	To-day
Rickmer Rickmers	5	k	Ahlers	Brit.	str.	1925	Jan. 27	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Sungkiang	5	c	Dodd	Brit.	str.	994	Feb. 10	Butterfield & Swire		
Tetartos	3	c	Cornelsen	Ger.	str.	1812	Feb. 7	Siemssen & Co.		
Tiger	5	k	Edwardsen	Norw.	str.	2114	Jan. 31	Standard Oil Co.		
Tordenskjold	...		Danielsen	Norw.	str.	739	Jan. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Triumph	...		Rieke	Ger.	str.	675	Jan. 1	Jebsen & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Victoria	5	k	Truebridge	Brit.	str.	1992	Feb. 5	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Whampoa	3	c	Sales	Brit.	str.	1109	Feb. 11	Butterfield & Swire		
Wingsang	2	c	Sellar	Brit.	str.	1517	Feb. 9	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Yarra	5	k	Coispellier	French	str.	2084	Feb. 10	Messageries Maritimes	Europe, &c.	Feb. 12.
Zafiro	5	c	Cobban	Brit.	str.	675	Jan. 27	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Manila	Feb. 12.
Sailing Vessels.										
Anna Bertha	2	k	Nielsen	Ger.	bqe.	269	Dec. 15	Chinese		
Fannie Scholfield	2	k	Veitch	Brit.	bqe.	1066	Sept. 21	Order		
Lothair	2	k	Santa Ferato	Ital.	bqe.	793	Nov. 22	Musso.		
R. R. Thomas	2	k	Blanchard	Amer.	sh.	1281	Feb. 6	Standard Oil Co.		
Santa Cruz	2	k	O'Keefe	Amer.	sch.	302	Dec. 31	Captain		
Standard	2	k	Getchell	Amer.	sh.	1760	Dec. 30	Melchers & Co.		
Sumatra	2	k	Jones	Brit.	bqe.	721	Dec. 18	Wieler & Co.		
Tulenkun	2	k	Melander	Amer.	sch.	47	Jan. 24	Master		
West York	...		.....	Brit.	bqe.	688	Oct. 18	Order	.....	Cos'tan Dock

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1710	10	3000	Commander Smith-Dorrien	Shanghai
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander E. S. Domville	Chusan
Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comd. C. J. Kingsmill	Hongkong
Centurion*	twinscrew battle ship	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Spencer H. Login	Chusan
Daphne	sloop	1150	8	2000	Commander Galloway	Chemulpo
Edgar	cruiser 1st class	7300	—	—	Capt. H. King Hall	Hongkong
Esk	gbt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Woosung
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	465	2	360	——	Hongkong
Grafton†	twin-screw cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Chemulpo
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Chusan
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Chusan
Humber	storeship	1600	—	800	Commander Grapemore	Chusan
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Chusan
Iphigenia	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. T. Dudding	Chemulpo
Lizard	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	2	870	Commander R. C. Sparks	Hongkong
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	7600	12	8500	Com. W. C. C. Forsyth	Chemulpo
Peacock	gunboat 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Hongkong
Phœnix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. Cochrane	Chemulpo
Pigmy	gunboat 1st class	710	6	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Hankow
Pique	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. A. C. Corry	Shanghai
Plover	gunboat 1st class	735	6	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Labuan
Powerful	flagship	14,200	—	—	Hon. H. Lampton	Hongkong
Rainbow	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. V. A. Tindall	Chemulpo
Sutlej	gunboat 1st class	710	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Hakodate
Redpole	gunboat 1st class	805	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. B. Grafton	Chemulpo
Swift	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	2	870	——	Haiman
Tamar	receiving ship	2047	—	—	——	Hongkong
Tweed	gbt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	——	Hongkong
Undaunted	cruiser	5600	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Chemulpo
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	5157	14	—	Commodore S. Holland	H. M. ships
Wivern	coast defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1000	——	Hongkong

Torpedo Boats in Reserve Nos. 8, 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first class; and 3 second class boats.
* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, K.C.B. † Flagship of Rear-Admiral Fitzgerald.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	4500	16	9000	Captain Molas	Nagasaki
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian cruiser	7731	18	8000	Captain Kasherinoff	Nagasaki
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenago	Vladivostock
Arcona	German cruiser	1640	8	2900	Captain Becker	Kiaochau
Argos	Spanish gunboat	508	2	600	Commander R. Cabezas	Manila
Aspic	French gunboat	465	3	450	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Bayard	French flagship	6500	12	4500	Commander Jouanet	Touron
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	400	2	400	Lt.-Comdr. Marques	Hongkong
Bobr	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Botsman	Shanghai
Boston	U S. cruiser	3000	8	3700	Captain F. Wildes	Nagasaki
Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3260	6	4400	Capt. A. Martin de Oliva	Manila
Cebu	Spanish troopship	532	2	600	Lieut. A. Barrera	Manila
Comète	French gunboat	495	3	600	Lieut. Simon	Hongkong
Cormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2900	Capt. Bruneatis	Kiaochau
Descartes	French cruiser	4000	14	8500	Capt. Bernard	Touron
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Witthoft	Nagasaki
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1200	4	1523	Com. E. Robion	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	4	1600	Commander J. de la Concha	Manila
Eclaireur	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Texier	Chefoo
Elcano	Spanish gunboat	560	3	600	Lieut.-Com. F. Reondero	Manila
Galdamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3600	Capt. Serebrennikff	——
General Alava	Spanish troopship	1200	2	1000	Capt. R. Rodriguez Trujillo	Manila
General Lezo	Spanish gunboat	520	3	600	Lieut.-Com. R. Beauvente	Manila
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Capt. Bouchatoff	Nagasaki
Irene	German cruiser	4200	8	7950	Commander du Bois	Amoy
Isla de Cuba	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	4	2200	Commander D. Regalado	Manila
Isla de Luzon	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	4	2200	Commander P. Barreto	Manila
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	16	5700	Captain Zeye	Kiaochau
Kaiserin Augusta	German cruiser	6331	20	1,4000	Captain Koellner	Kiaochau
Korejets	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Capt. Lindestroem	Yokohama
Kreiser	Russian sloop	1542	2	1800	Capt. Istvinsk	Nagasaki
Manila	Spanish transport	1900	2	750	Lieut.-Com. J. J. Ozamis	Manila
Mordvur	Russian sloop	1200	3	1400	Commander Kuchaleff	Vladivostock
Marques del Duero	Spanish gunboat	500	3	550	Lt.-Com. S. Moreno de Guerra	Manila
Moeve	German gunboat	—	—	—	Commander Marten	Hongkong
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	850	Com. O. W. Farenholt	Shanghai
Olympia	U. S. flagship	5800	14	17,313	Captain Gridley	Nagasaki
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1480	2	2000	Captain Copriano	Nagasaki
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6700